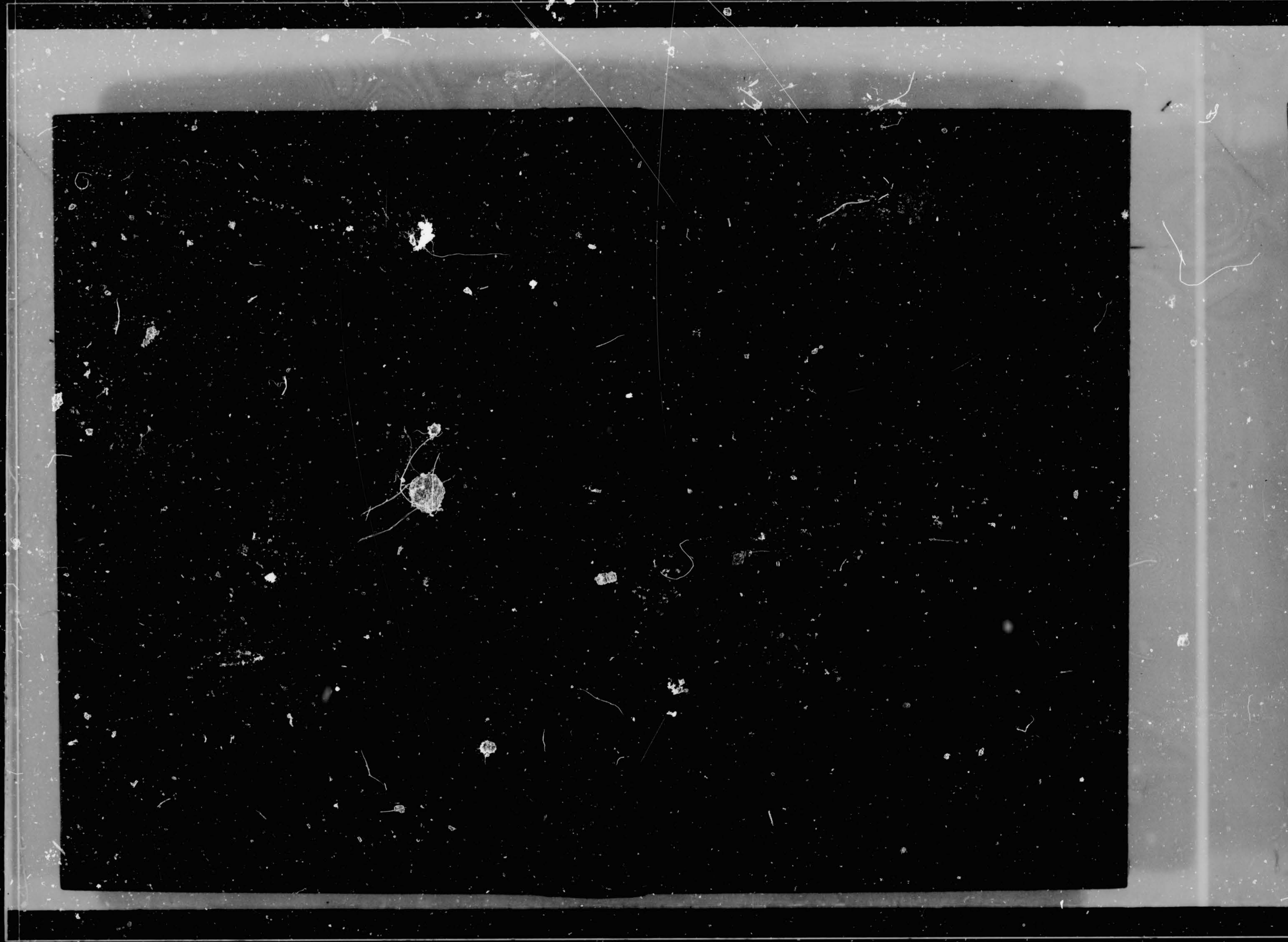


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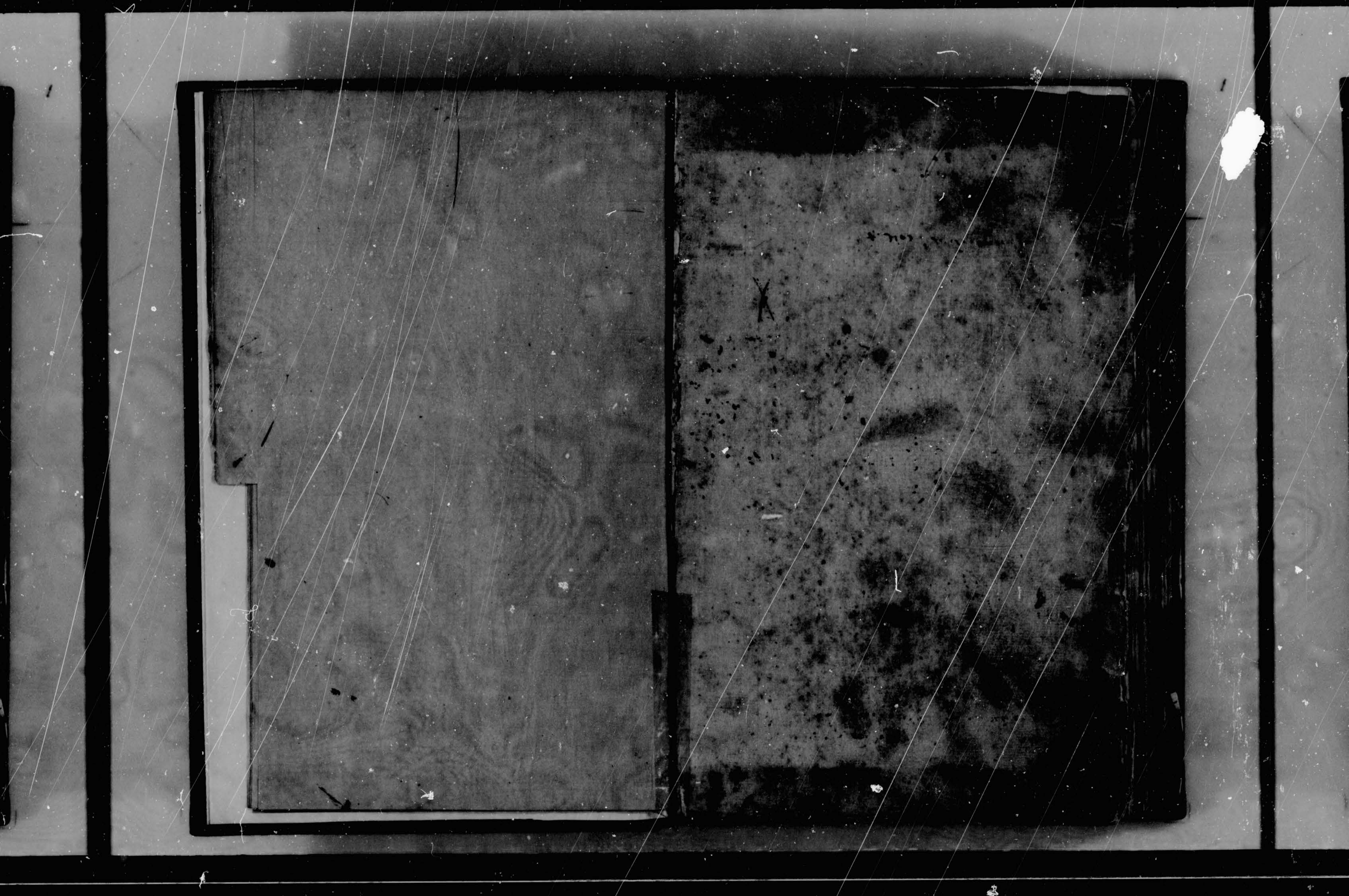
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1772 Middleborough (1)

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the
 Eastern Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the
 16th day of March anno domini 1772
 being duly warned and regularly assembled for the trial
 of town officers and other business as inserted in the
 Warrants for said Meeting the following Persons were
 Chosen to serve in the respective offices hereafter
 Named (viz)

1st Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was Chosen Moderator

2^d John Morton } Town Clerk

3^d Capt. Ebenezer Sprout
 Capt. Benjamin White
 Mr. John Wood
 Mr. Zebulun Leonard
 Mr. John Montgomery } Select men

4th Mr. Jacob Bennett
 Mr. Zebulun Leonard
 Mr. William Shaw } Assessors

5th Francis Tomson
 John Douglas
 Josiah Vaughan
 Ephraim White } Constables

6th John Morton } Town Treasurer

7th Mr. Benjamin Warren
 Mr. Moses Bedding
 Mr. Elijah Eaton
 Mr. Zebulun Leonard
 Mr. Joseph Booth
 Mr. John Benson } Wardens

then adjourned

at said meeting voted and made choice of Messrs. Zebulon
 James Schofield and Capt. Ebene. Sprague to be their agents
 to defend said Town against the Complaint of Freestone
 to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Hingham
 in and about on the first Tuesday of October last. And
 also the maintenance of being a poor distressed and
 indigent person. And also to procure a habeas corpus to be granted
 with the agents or agent of Freestone; on a due and lawful
 cause to be shewn; or to appear at the next Court of General
 Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Hingham aforesaid
 on the second Tuesday of April next; to defend the Town as
 aforesaid and at other points as their honorable discretion to the
 said agents of said affair; and then voted that the above said
 agents should draw and receive Lawfull money out of the Treasury
 of said Town to enable them to carry on the action of defence
 aforesaid; and to be accountable to said Town for said money.

18th at said meeting voted & accepted of a high way laid out by
 select men of said Town beginning in the line between Middle
 borough & Hingham. And a long by roads and provided the
 same be at no cost for any land where said Road is laid out.

19th at said meeting the Town by vote accepted of a Road laid out by
 select men of said Town beginning northwesterly from Mr. John
 Thomas Dwelling House and so leading into the Road
 that led from John Leary to Roshay near Low Saw Mill.

20th at said meeting voted & accepted of a Road so far as the
 select men have laid it out; in the westerly Parish near
 Mr. William Canady's & the Baptist meeting House; and that
 it should be at no cost where the Road was laid out from the bench
 at said the above said Roads were accepted of by the Town
 provided the Town be at no cost in purchasing any land
 where said Roads are laid out.

21st at said meeting voted to Remit so far that Abner Haslam
 was Rated in Joseph Briggs' Rate bills who was Constable
 of said in the year 1770 and the said Briggs to have the
 said out of the Town Treasury.

22nd at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Lt. John Haslam
 for ten days missing Rates the sum of ten pounds.

23rd at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. George Squire for
 twenty days in taking the valuation four pounds & for making
 Rates eight day, one pound & twelve shillings the whole amounting
 to five pounds and twelve shillings.

Report
 by
 the
 select
 men
 6+0+0

Wotton
 2+0+0

Sume
 5+12+0

At said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Capt. Benjamin White for his self & horse in going after David's 100 support the petition against Fanning 3/4 & 1/2 galah he paid just as for taking the Deposition for three days as long as the several days amounting to fourteen and eight pence - and then the meeting was adjourned to meet again on Monday the 16th day of May 1772 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon for four days during the Town Line at 1/2 p. day 16/ and for thirteen days making pence 1/2 and 1/2 p. day 5/2 the whole amounting three pence and eight shillings and then the meeting was adjourned to meet again to be held on the same day that the Town meets for the choice of a Representative to be at ten of the clock in the forenoon on said day and the Moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned to that time attest John Moston Town Clerk

A Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday April 20th 1772 Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was chosen Moderator of said meeting and the Town proceeded and passed the following votes (viz) at said meeting meeting voted Liberty to take the fifth calves alwives in afternoon at 10 o'clock in said Town at the Bridge near Mr. Nathaniel Norton on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday in each week as they go up into the Long Pond to let their spawts during the season for alwives - at said meeting voted Liberty for driving to go at large the ensuing year in said Town being yoked and hinged according to Law and then the meeting was dissolved attest John Moston Town Clerk

A Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 1st 1772 and Mr. Ephraim Wood and L. Nelson Jr were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Mr. James Cook and Mr. George Leonard were appointed by drawing out of the Box for the Law Direct to serve on the Jury of Trial at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assizes and General Court sitting to be held at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 18th 1772 by adjournment from the 16th day of May 1772 and the Moderator took his Oath and then the Town proceeded and passed the following votes (viz)

1st at said meeting voted to permit Capt. Samuel Thacker to sell tax in all the Mills of the Constables that he hath in said Town and the several Constables a permit to take the same to be paid by or discounted with the Treasurers of said Town and the a few kind Constables

2nd at said meeting voted and exempted John Douglas who is chosen Constable by said Town in March last from serving in said office on the 20th he made to the Town which was his in paying in not having common Learning and having an aged Father to support said Douglas was exempted from serving in said office for the present year

3rd at said meeting voted and made choice of Thomas Nelson a Constable of said Town for the ensuing year in the Room and stead of John Douglas who at this meeting was exempted from serving in said office

4th at said meeting voted and made choice of William Reed a Constable of said Town for the ensuing year in the Room and stead of John Douglas who at this meeting was exempted from serving in said office

5th at said meeting voted and made choice of William Reed a Constable of said Town for the ensuing year in the Room and stead of John Douglas who at this meeting was exempted from serving in said office

6th at said meeting voted unto Mr. John Wood the following the Institutes of Math in his Will and being Constable of said Town for the year 1779 viz) the whole of Capt. Benjamin's Rates in said bills being £1-6-0 and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury

7th at said meeting voted to permit 4/11 that Joseph Pater in Jacob Solomon Junr's Rate bill who was Constable of said Town for the year 1779 viz) the whole of Capt. Benjamin's Rates in said bills being £1-6-0 and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury

1772

8th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted unto Ebenezer Tucker who was
of said Town for the year 1770 the following sum
of Rates in his Bill of the Town Treasurers be paid viz
Joseph Lobb 1/6 Joseph Linsley 1/6 Joseph Linsley 1/6
4/6 the several sums amounting to 4/6

9th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted unto James Lebaron for the year 1770
the following sum of Rates in his Bill of the Town
Treasurers be paid viz
Joseph Linsley 3/6 Ephraim Ward 3/6 Samuel Ward 3/6
Solomon Barrow 3/6 the whole amounting to fifteen Shilling
and four pence

10th
at meeting
of the
year 1770 and 1771

at said meeting voted unto Simon Duggell for the year 1770
the following sum of Rates in his Bill of the Town
Treasurers be paid viz
John Eaton 3/6 Daniel Bradley 3/6 Abner Lewis 3/6
James Smith 3/6 Capt Benjamin Smith Reel & prefordall
Wate 15/6 James Sturtevant 3/6 Zachariah Sturtevant 3/6
Calvin Smith well for one year 3/6 the above said
Capt Benjamin Smith for 1771 4/6 the several sums amount
ing to two pounds seven Shilling and three pence

11th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Ephraim Benfon
for boarding Thomas Foster the Town School Master
three weeks and three days at 6/6 week 18/6 agreeable to his
account

12th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted to allow and unto Ephraim Benfon
for boarding Thomas Foster the Town School Master
three weeks at 6/6 week 18/6 agreeable to his account

13th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto John Weston
for showing us Town Treasurers in the year 1770
two pounds in full of his account

14th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Zebulon Benson
for ten days time spent in perambulating the line between
Middleborough and Plimpton and laying out Roads in said Town
half 5/6 and expenses of said for five days spent taking the
evidences and at Plimpton Court him off and Harp and de
pences 18/6 the several sums amounting to two pounds seven
Shilling and four pence

15th
at meeting
of the
year 1770

at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Capt. Ebenezer
for ten days time spent in perambulating the line between
Middleborough & Plimpton the whole being five days spent for
time spent in laying out Roads by Ebenezer Thomas to show
from Edmund Churchills to Jonathan Tappan and for day
of 3/6

and for his time spent at Plymouth Court Left December Court and in going to Halifax after evidence self kept and law fees in the affair of Mathias Holmes of and expenses in calling of Jurors 7/6 1/2 and for time spent and disbursements after a lawyer to Mr. Birtney and for the case with Justice to two days at Halifax & cash paid for evidence in the affair of Mathias Holmes at April Court & time at Plymouth in two cases from days 14/6 in full of his account from hands the Milling of the peace

16th at said meeting voted to allow unto Mr. Ichabod Wood an allowance of his account as agents for said Town in the case with Hallifax and Truro and to pay unto D. Wood the Hallifax and Truro account which is as follows: and for time spent as one of the select men in perambulating Town lines

The Town of Middleborough to Ichabod Wood D.
May 1771 To one day spent in perambulating the Town Line between Middleborough & Stoughton 4/6
To four days more on the same Line 16/6
To laying out Roads by Ebenezer Thomas to Percy Shumers and Ichabod Woodham the Ipswich Traller on to Stoughton Line four days 16/6
Plymouth Dec. 1771 to attorney fees and evidence in Hallifax case about Mathias Holmes 16/6
at said court two days and Horse of Plymouth April Court to paid attorney fees evidence & disbursements in the above said case 16/6 as it was continued to this Court & disbursements to one day spent in taking evidence in the case with Truro & Plymouth April Court to paid attorney fees and evidence and disbursements in the case with Truro about May 1771 4/6
to my time at this Court in the two above said cases at the above said Court four days and Horse 14/6 the whole amount to twelve pounds nine shillings and the peace three pence

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by Cash paid of the Town Treas. D. the Town voted in the case with Hallifax on account Mathias Holmes

1772 by Cash paid of said Treas. In the case with 36/0

Hallifax Truro

Violence Due in my favour 2-9-6 1/4

and then The Moderator Dismiss the meeting

attest John Morton Town Clerk

249+6 3/4

Memorandum of the aforesaid meeting May 18th 1772
 The Town by vote chose Henry Strickland in office of Constable
 but on his shewing to the Town the Town decided on purchasing
 this present year.
 And then by vote chose John Hathaway to shew in the same
 office by on the example made by M^r. William Gaudy & others
 the Town by vote exempted him from serving in the said
 and by vote chose Thomas Nelson as afore mentioned who
 seeing the difficulty in getting a Constable to shew in the
 West Precinct offered his service: at though the Town had
 chose him before and exempted him.

Memorandum when Henry Strickland appeared as Justice for
 Michael Strickland who the Town was a Court to take as for
 their party in M^r. Nathaniel Smith & of S. Middleborough
 recommended him. Henry Strickland a respectable man
 and he believed there was no danger
 attested John Montague Town Clerk

Sept
 Repre.
 Chosen
 May 18th
 1772

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the
 Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May
 18th 1772 — and Chose Benjamin White as Chosen
 for to Represent the Town at the Great and General Court or
 assembly to be kept and held for his Majesty's service at
 Harvard College in Cambridge on Wednesday the twenty
 seventh day of May Instant: and also during the session
 and adjournment of said Court for the year ensuing.

June 29th
 1772

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly
 Precinct in Middleborough on Monday June 29th 1772 — M^r. John Williams
 and M^r. Jonathan Noyes were appointed by drawing out
 of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of trial
 at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas: and Court of
 General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in
 for the County of Plymouth on the 1st of August next.

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly
 Precinct in Middleborough on Monday June 29th 1772 —
 M^r. John Montgomery was Chosen Moderator of said meeting
 on a motion made and seconded (meeting adjourned) was adjourned
 for the space of one hour for to see if the people would more
 generally attend.
 2. The Town met according to adjournment of the Moderator took
 place & passed the following vote (viz)
 3. That the agents for said Town in 2 persons with Hall for
 the other with Freeman (See the next page)

Relating to the Charge of Martha Holmes Deceased to the
 life, and the maintenance of Mary Affley at Free-town
 Should Draw Eight pounds out of the Town Treasury
 of Middleborough to enable said agents to defend actions
 of Middleborough against the two afore said actions with
 Halifax and Free-town at the next Court of general
 sessions of the peace and Court of Common Pleas to be holden at
 Plymouth in and for said County of the first Tuesday of July
 next: and then the Moderator signified the following
 attest John Norton Junr

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Parish of
 Free-town in Middleborough on Monday September 28th 1772
 Mr John Richmond was appointed by drawing out of the box in the
 law direct to serve on the Jury of Free-town at the next Superior Court
 of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden
 at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday
 of October next

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the
 Parish of Free-town in Middleborough on Monday October 19th
 1772 — Mr. Ichabod Cook was Chosen Moderator
 of said Court to raise forty pounds by a Tax or assessment on
 the Polls of the several Inhabitants of Free-town to defray
 the necessary charges thereof for the year ensuing and the
 same to be paid into the Town Treasury at the time and manner
 as was the last year

At a Meeting voted to allow and pay unto Mr. Jacob Tompson
 for his assistance with the select Men of said Town in perambulating
 the line between Middleborough and Plymouth
 at said meeting voted and accepted of Mr. William Holmes to be
 as Constable of said in the Room of Mr. Josiah Cook
 who was chosen in office in March last and the meeting
 has appeared at said office for the said William Holmes faithfull
 performance in the said office
 and the Town by vote accepted of the said Josiah Whigham
 as Constable of said

At said meeting voted to Remit unto Mr. Jacob Tompson
 that sum of 10⁰⁰ which was paid as all of which Joseph Hunt was
 paid in 1771 Tompson bills he being Constable of said Town for 1771
 and the sum to be paid out of the Town Treasury

At said meeting voted to Permit $\frac{4}{11}$ in Simon De. who was Constable in S. Town for 1771. Samuel (Raton) Jun. Poll Tax. and the said Deput to have the same paid out of the Town Treasury.

At said meeting voted a bounty to be paid to any Person in the Town of Middlebury that shall kill from 1. ch bird or squirrel per follow (or) for one Crow head for a squirrel head 2. for a black birds head 2. the sum to be paid unto the several persons killing the same by the several Constables or Treasurers of said Town: and the said Constables to disburse with the Town Treasurers the sum they shall pay out as above mentioned.

At said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury the sum of one pound eleven shillings & four pence being a balance due to him more than the sum he was of the Town Treasurer which account is as follows:

1772 the Town of Middlebury to Zebulon D. paid to each of the on evidence of 4 to Mr. Palmer 7/6 & to Mr. Adams 2/6 to Mr. Oak, Oliver 2/6 to Daniel Leonard 2/6 2/6 for 6 pence 6 more for Supper 3 1/2 to Thomas Hopkins 1/6 to Amos Wapburn 6/6 to Elipha Hap 6/6 to William Black 6/6 to Capt. E. H. Holmes 10/6 to John Dine 3/6 for expenses 2 days spent in Suppering Evidence 2/6 & horse of and for days at Plymouth Court for the Capt with Free town 2/6 10/6 to my Horse to him 2/6 the amounting to £9-17.

The Town of Middlebury Cr. by Capt. H. of the Town Treas. for which I gave my Rec. 10-0
Balance Due

At said meeting voted unto Mr. Zebulon Leonard the sum of two Pounds, Eleven shillings & four pence to sundry persons from S. Town here after named Amos Wapburn 4/6 William Black 4/6 to Mr. Edward Wapburn for two quarts and for money 3/6 & borrowed to pay John Prince to Capt. Noble Sprout for two days attendance of the Elipha Hap 4/6 the last mentioned sum of £17-0 to be paid out of the Treasury together with the sum of 17-4 provided the said Leonard discharge the the Town from the above named persons.

At said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Zebulon Leonard for one day spent in Suppering Evidence self & horse to four days spent at Plymouth Court in the Capt. Hap & Free town. 10/6 and expenses 12/6 the whole amounting to one pound eleven shillings and eleven pence.

(11)
at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Capt. Ebenezer
Sumner the sum of two pounds & five shillings & eight
pence for going to Waltham in the affair of the H. H.
if to what he paid to the evidences of to be paid
for expenses to the Clerk & at Oct. 18th. 1799 to be paid
to the H. H. for Waltham for evidences of to be paid
of 4 to 6 of paid for entering the Capt. and for expenses
at Waltham 12/9 to be paid at 20 shillings 10/6.

at said meeting voted to sell the Privilege of the
fishery at or near the sitting to the highest bidder agree
able to the late act of this Province: and whoever is the
highest bidder shall give sufficient security to the Town
for the sum they shall give and shall observe the
in the law respecting the claiming of the same
The sitting will for the taking of said fish and pay the
half of said sum he shall give for said fish by the first
day of June next: and the other half by the first
day of September next: and then the Town by vote approved
Ezra Minsley Sandus Mayor for the sale of said fish
and then the meeting was dissolved to the dwelling of
Capt. Ebenezer Sumner to be held immediately
The Town met according to adjournment of the meeting
took his place and proceeded to the sale of said fish
Daggett was the highest bidder: therefore the
off taking said fish was sold to him the said
for the consideration of one hundred and forty pounds
Mr. Zebulon Leonard and Mr. Zadock Leonard as
the said Simon Daggett and the Town agreed upon
by vote: for the payment of said sum; and then
broken off right the meeting, a

attest John Norton Town Clerk

Memorandum at the last mentioned Town meeting
at the first sale of the above a lower meeting Mr.
was the highest bidder for D. fish who bid eleven
thirty pounds according to the law; and not promising
to the Town with him for the payment of the same
the said Lovell Duggan and Sale to be sold
was again set up to sale and sold to Mr. Simon Daggett
expressed

(The)
Journalizing, held at Middleborough & Framingham
Meeting House on Monday November 30th 1770
Whitham Bennett Mr. Josiah Lym and
John Halloway were appointed by drawing out of
the Lot direct to serve on the Jury to settle at
that Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Justice General
of the Peace to be holden at Framingham in and for
the County of Dymouth on the second Thursday of December
next.

Dymouth April 1771
Divided of Mr. Joseph Parry, Constable of Middleborough
one Shilling & six Pence in full of his Deposition
for the County Tax for the year 1770 for John Parry
P. 46

Dymouth Novem. 1. 1771
Paid of Mr. Joseph Parry, Constable of Middleborough
for 1770 sixty two Shillings & six Pence in full of his
Deposition for the County Tax for the year 1770
P. 62-8

Dymouth July 22. 1771
Paid sixteen pounds five shillings which with a former
payment is in full
H. Gray Treasr

The Subscribers of Framingham and Middleborough
having met on the 10th of November and Reminding the
Comps between the two Towns agreeable to the General
Court Committee for settling the Line between the
said Towns: having done the nineteenth day of Novem
1771 - beginning where the Maple Tree formerly stood
being the first antient Section Boundary the town of
Framingham: which is now gone, where there for many years
a Stone set in the ground with a heap of stones laid
about it which we renewed: and from thence we
ran the Line North fifty two degrees and a half East
two hundred and fifty two rods to a stone set in
the ground with a heap of stones laid about it which
we renewed: that stand in the same place were the
antient Black oak Tree formerly stood which lay about
twelve rods from where the Northern side of the
Road within the fence and from thence the said Towns
are bounded by the Road as bounded to Watling Street to
the antient White oak Tree formerly stood -

Which Tree has for many years down where we
a heap of stones which was an ancient station to
said Road is on the Northward Side of the meeting
and from thence we run the line North three
and twenty three Rods to a Pinetump with
stones about it on the East Side of Abegam. From
is an ancient station there between said Towns and
the same: and from thence we run the line North
five degrees and a half with on a straight line two miles
to an apple Tree which stands on the same
where the Black oak Tree formerly stood which was
ancient Bound between said Towns: which was
with T on one side and M on the other we have now
the said apple Tree with a T on Townton side and
M on Middleborough side: which we measured
stones about the foot of it and that the
station got off private property as witness our
March the fifth 1773

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| John Sprout | Select men of Middleborough | John Dyer |
| John Montgomery | | Benjamin Dean |
| Zebulon Leonard | | William Thayer |

At a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in
Middleborough on Monday March 22^d 1773
and Mr. Caleb Tomlinson and Capt Robert Sprout
were on the Grand Jury at the next Court of General
the Peace to be holden at the Court in and for the County
on the second Tuesday of April next: and at the same
time Benjamin Dean and William Thayer
were appointed as the
jurors on the day of
the Court to be holden
at Middleborough

A Town meeting held at the meeting house in the
 Precinct in Middleborough on Monday March 22nd 1773
 for the choice of Town officers and other Business (containing
 the report for said meeting)
 Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was Chosen Moderator of the

and on a motion made & seconded for the adjournment of
 said meeting by reason of the Inhabitants not coming
 meeting being kept back by snow storm. but thinking
 the storm would abate & that the Inhabitants would come off
 to attend said meeting was adjourned for the afternoon of the 23rd
 the Town met according to adjournment and the Moderator
 took his place: but the storm increasing and but few of the
 Inhabitants of said Town being assembled a motion being
 introduced said meeting was further adjourned to the 24th
 the 25th day of March of next at ten of the Clock in the
 forenoon and day after said meeting House and the
 Town declared said meeting to be adjourned to that time

A Town meeting held at the meeting house in the
 Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday the 25th day
 March A.D. 1773 by adjournment from the 22nd day
 and March for the choice of Town officers &c as above
 mentioned: and the Moderator took the place and then the
 proceeded to the choice of Town officers and the following per-
 sons were chosen to serve in the respective offices be-
 low named (viz)

John Norton Town Clerk

Capt. Ebenezer Sprout

Capt. Benjamin White

M^r Zebulon Leonard

Capt. William Canedy

M^r Daniel Bennett

M^r James Bennett

M^r William Allen

M^r George

Select men

Isaac Howland }
Elijah Thomas } Wardens

7th They then made choice of Caleb Simmons; Ebenezer
Combs; Ebenezer Saughton; Micah Bryant;
Zachariah Fitchham; Joshua Williams; Isaiah
Capt Benjamin White; David Weston; John
John Perkins; Enos Reynolds; John Montgomerie;
Lebanon Leonard; Joshua Elder; Thomas Nelson;
Leonard; Joseph Ellis; Abraham Miller; Israel
Silas Fitchham; Abner Wood; Stephen Washburn
Thomas Shaw Surveyors of high ways.

8th Voted and made choice of Majr Ebenezer
John Fitchham; Isaac Fitchman; Amos
and William Nelson to be a committee to
but the fish called alewives have a free passage
and down the River & Brook, in said Town
and fishing.

9th At said meeting voted to take the fish called
in all sawmills brook at Mt. Nathaniel's
within or said Middleborough; Provided they
with said Smith for the taking fish as said
Monday Tuesday Wednesday in each week; and
for alewives; And then voted & made choice of
to apply to said Nathaniel Smith &c. for taking
and make Report thereof to the Town at the
of this Town meeting.

10th At said meeting the Town by vote made choice
Jesse Ripley; Ebenezer Wood and Simon Doggett
to support of Saunter Great River as far down as
Kalmucke except to catch the fish called alewives;
as they have not made provision for securing
those that break the Law in that case made.

11th And then the Town by vote adjourned said meeting to
the sixth day of April next at one of the
the after upon to be held at the meeting house
first Precinct in said Town and the Moder
said meeting to be adjourned to that time.
Attest John Mearns Town

1773
Annual Town
meeting
from March
25 to April
1 following

at a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the
Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the
6th day of April A.D. 1773 by adjournment from
the 31st day of March last and the Moderator took his
Place: And then the Town proceeded and passed the follow-
ing vote: viz;

1st at said meeting the Town voted and accepted of the
Report of M^r. William Nelson who was chosen at their
last Town meeting to treat with M^r. Nathaniel Smith
Respecting obtaining Liberty for the Town taking a survey
at said Smiths wair at a newam sett Brook in said Town

2^d at said meeting the Town by vote made choice of Job Pine
to serve in the office of a Constable for the ensuing year
in the Room and stead of Gershom Richmond who at the
Town meeting held March 31st 1773 was chosen for the
next Precinct in said Town and occupied by vote from ser-
ving

3^d at said meeting Gershom Richmond; Ephraim Wood
Andrew Cobb; Gideon Cobb; Ichabod Atwood and David Shaw
were chosen for Fighting men

4th Daniel Juckett
Darnabas Sampson
Confiden Barden
John Richard
Jonah Washburn } Hogg Beavers

5th Isaac Howland
Job Howland } Deer Beavers

6th Zachariah Paddock was chosen Dealer of Leather
John Montgomery Jun^r and Ebenezer Elmes were
Chosen to see the Due Observance of the Province
Law Relating Horses going on the Commons

7th Sylvanus Cobb
David Simmons
Joseph Alden
Noe Cushman } Fence Viewers

8th Ebenezer Shaw
Silas Wood
Thomas Supper
Joseph Smith } Surveyors of Lumber

- at said meeting voted to Remit to Mr. Richard Paine of said Town for the year 1772 - Edmund Anderson Tax in said Paine's bills being 4/9 also 4/9 that Holloway was Rated in said bills & the same to be paid of the Town Treasury
- at said meeting voted to Remit to Mr. Francis Thompson Constable of said Town for 1772 Capt. Samuel Thayer in said Thompson's bills being 12/1 and the same to be paid of the Town Treasury
- at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Samuel Thomas 4/11 that one Samuel Waterman was Rated in Mr. Thomas's bills who was Constable of said Town for 1772 and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury
- at said meeting voted to Remit 9/10 that John ~~was~~ Rated; as also 4/11 that Calocin Poul in Simon Daggott's bills who was Constable of for 1771 - and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury also 4/11 that Elazer Lewis in said bills & the same to be paid of the Town Treasury
- at said meeting voted to Remit 4/3 that Capt. Samuel Thayer in Shabael Fishers bills & Fishers being Constable for 1765 - and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury
- at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Jacob for twelve days and a half making Rates for 1772 with the select men running the Town Line amounting to two pounds & four shillings
- at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. William for eight days making Rates and copies and warrants the whole amounting one pound twelve shillings
- at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Capt. Smith for his Darting musina and Wording Ho Holons in the year 1771 - thirteen weeks wanting agreeable to the fall of his account
- at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Mr. Nelson for Wording Mr. John Reed the Town for five weeks the sum of one pound & ten shillings
- at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. for his time spent in take that the alewives have sage up and down the River & Brook in said Town & agreeable to his account
- at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto Zeb the sum of 6/1 for a day and a half in running the Line between Town and Shedd Brook
- at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Edwards for his time spent in taking up the Town's money in taking up the Town's money in taking up the Town's money

Thomas
Harlow
1776

At said meeting voted unto Mr. William Harlow the following Remittance of Rates in his bill out of the Town Treasury to be paid (viz) William Bennett one Poll tax & John Tompkins Poll tax & said Harlow being Constable of the Town for the year 1772

2. at said meeting the Town by vote accepted of a highway, laid out by the select men from Taunton Road to Haverhill Road & near Mr. Thomas Laddocks & in said Middleborough the Return Return whereof bears Date November 6th 1772 - Provided the Town be at no Loss for any Land where said Road hath been laid out and then the Moderator Dismissed the meeting

attest John Morton Town Clerk



May 1773
Town of
Middleborough
for the
Sup.
Court
May

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the South Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 10th 1773 Mr. Ephraim Wood and Lt. Ichabod Wood were chosen to sit on the Grand Jury and Lt. Nathaniel Wood and Mr. William Shaw were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Jurors at the Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assizes and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of May Instant.

May 1773
Town of
Middleborough
for the
Sup.
Court
May

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the South Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 10th 1773 Capt Benjamin White was chosen Moderator of said meeting at said meeting the Town voted and impowered Capt Benjamin White and Mr. Zebulun Leonard who were chosen for said Town in the case depending at the Next Superior Court between Middleborough & Taunton they or either of them to draw eight pounds out of the Treasury to enable them to carry on said action and to account with the Town for the same

2.
Town of
Middleborough
for the
Sup.
Court
May

at said meeting voted that the Committee lately chosen to inspect Taunton Great River and to prosecute those that have been breaking the Law by seeing alewives they or either of them should draw twelve pounds out of the Treasury of said Town to enable them to carry on an action or actions against said Law Breakers and said Committee to account with the said Town of Middleborough for the same

3.
Town of
Middleborough
for the
Sup.
Court
May

at said meeting voted that Swine may Run at Large in said Town the ensuing year being yoked and Ringed as in Law

and then the meeting was Dismissed
attest John Morton Town Clerk

1773

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Contest
Loren
May 24th
1773

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 24th A.D. 1773 — and Capt. Ebenezer Sprout, was chosen to Represent the Town at the Great and general Court of assembly to be kept and held at the Town House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty six day of May Instant and also During the Session and Sessions of said Court for the year ensuing

Town meeting
May 24th
1773

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 24th A.D. 1773 — Capt. Benjamin White was chosen Moderator of said meeting

appearing
and it

at said meeting a question being asked of the Town whether it was the true Intent of the Town vote at their Town meeting held the 19th day of October Last to give a Bounty on the Red winged Black birds and their mates, as well as on the Crow black birds heads Squirrels and etc and it passed in the Negative

2.

and then the Town voted that the Treasurer and Constable of said Town that have taken in Black bird heads Squirrels heads and fowls heads according to their Town vote in October Last should exhibit to the Town at their next fall meeting a List of all the afore said heads by them taken under said and when the Moderator Dissolved the meeting

attest John Morton Town Clerk

division
house
made
on the
line
between
the
two
towns

Middleborough May 22^d 1773 —
We the Subscribers being Chosen Fence Viewers Last March at the annual meeting said Town & sworn to the faithful discharge of said office have divided the line between the Alden and Mary Bennett Lands (as followeth, beginning at the high way at their bound being a black oak stump to the West end of a Great Rock 20 pole and a half to a heap of stones and from thence 36 pole to a stake and heap of stones is Mary Bennets part and from thence 53 pole and a half to Caleb Simmons Land this is Natham Alden Part

David Simmons } Fence
Silvanus Cobb } Viewers

1773

(20)

a Pound
set up near
Jr miller

We the Subscribers select men of the Town of Middleborough do direct and Impower Mr. John Miller to Erect and build a Pound upon Mr. John Millers Land near John Millers on the Westward side of the Road on his own lot: and also to Repair it when wanting which is to be for the use of said Town to Impound any Horse, Cattle, Sheep or Swine: so long as it shall be kept up.

Dated Middleborough Benjamin White } Select men
June 7th 1773 } Zebulun Leonard }
Jacob Bennet } Middleborough

Jury men
Chosen for
July Court
June 1st 1773

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday June 25th 1773 at said meeting George Smith and Benjamin Hackett were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July Next.

Jury men
Chosen for
Oct^r Court
Sept 27th 1773

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday Sept 27th 1773 at said meeting Deacon David Allen and Jacob Tillson were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to serve of the Jury of trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next.

Full meeting
Oct 4th 1773

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday October 4th 1773 Capt Ebenezer Sprout was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

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to defray Town
Charges

at said meeting voted to Raise Eighty Pounds or the Polls & Estates of the several Inhabitants of said Town to Defray the Necessary Charges thereof for the Incom year: and to be paid into the Town Treasury by the first day of April next.

- 2^{ly} at said meeting the Town by vote accepted of James Lebaron to serve as Constable for said Town in the Room and stead of Jacob Bennett who was chosen 4th March and by vote accepted of said Jacob Bennett as deputy to said Town for said Lebaron's faithful performance in the aforesaid office of Constable
- 3^{ly} at said meeting a Question being asked whether the Town would do any thing on the third article in the warrant for the aforesaid meeting: which was to see if the Town would hear the Request of Joseph Tupper and other owners who brought the alwives for the year 1773 and it passed in the Negative
- 4th at said meeting voted to Petition the Great and General Court of this Province against Seams Swapping in Taunton's Great River to catch the fish called alwives that the act for sealinging be repealed as it has been very destructive to said fish
- 5^{ly} at said meeting voted and made choice of M^r Lebaron as agent for said Town to join with their Representatives in presenting said Petition to said Court and that said agent by Representatives shall have power to petition said Great and General Court as they shall think most proper
- 6^{ly} at said meeting voted to Remit 4/5 that Joshua White was Rated Rated in James Lebaron's Rate bills for year 1770 & the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury
- 7^{ly} at said meeting voted unto Capt William Condy the following Remittances in his bills for the year 1768 out of the Town Treasury to be paid: Sam^l Richmond 1/8 Aba Eaton 1/6 Abial Holloway 1/9
- also to Nathaniel Sampson Constable for the year 1771 the following Remittances of Rates in his bills out of the Town Treasury to be paid: (viz) Abial Holloway 4/11 also 4/11 that Edmund Andrews was Rated in said bills as also to Nathaniel Allen Constable of said Town for 1771 Experience Raymond 4/11 William Lenzil 5/4 Benja^h Shaw & Benja^h Shaw Jun^r 12/3 ~~Samuel~~ Joshua White 1/11 Bennoir Shaw 2/11 and the same to be paid out of Town Treasury

part
chosen
being
standing

from
4/5

Condy
0-4-11

Sampson
+5+10x

Allen
1-12-4

8th By at said meeting the Town voted that Mr. Fillson Phipps should advance money out of the Treasury of this Town to carry on an action against Seth Williams of Samton. Relating to J. Williams. Scanning for a law said action now pending at the Superior Court at Samton: if he shall stand in need of it, he being accountable to said Town for the money, he doth receive.

9th By at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Leonard for making Rates for 3 years 1772 four days and a half 1/8 and for perambulating the line between Samton & Middleborough 12 1/2 days at Bridgewater & two days at the Superior Court in laying out a Road near Joshua Benfords a greable to his account.

10th By at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. Leonard for making Rates for 3 years 1772 four days and a half 1/8 and for perambulating the line between Samton & Middleborough 12 1/2 days at 1/4 day 12 f and drawing in the Free town Cap about Mary Dibley two days 5 f and for a greable to his account.

11th By at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Mr. John Montgomery the sum of 14/8 for perambulating the line between Samton and Middleborough three days & for laying out a Road near Wm. Reeds 2 f in full of his account.

12th By at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto 2nd Mr. Bath Bumpas for Boarding School Master Reeds four weeks & one third of a week at 1/2 shilling 1/2 week the sum of one pound and six shillings in full of his account.

13th By at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto John Morton for serving as Town Treasurer for the year 1772 the sum of two pounds.

14th By at said meeting voted to sell the Privilege of the alewife at or near the Slitting Mill agreeable to the late act of this Province to the highest bidder and who ever is the highest bidder shall give sufficient Security to the Town for the sum they shall give: and shall observe the direction in the Law relating to the obtaining Liberty of the owner of the Slitting Mill for the taking of said fish to the next year.

and pay the one half of the sum he shall give by the first day of June next: and the other half by the first day of September next: and the Town by vote appointed Mr. Fillson Phipps and Mr. Mather for the sale of said fish: and then the meeting was adjourned to the dwelling house of Capt. Ebenezer Sprout to be held immediately and the Moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned as aforesaid: The Town met according to adjournment & the Moderator took his place: and proceeded to the sale of said fish: and Mr. Ebenezer Briggs was the highest bidder: therefore the Privilege of taking said fish was sold to him the said Ebenezer Briggs for the consideration of one hundred and four pounds and Mr. Zebulon Leonard and Mr. Zadok Leonard as sureties for the said Ebenezer Briggs for the payment of said sum: and the Town agreed to them by vote as sureties for said Ebenezer Briggs: and then the Moderator dismissed the meeting.

attest John Morton Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday November 2nd 1773 at said meeting Zadok Leonard Benjamin Darling and Zephaniah Briggs were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on Jury of trial at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas & Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of December next.

Jury
men
meeting
Nov. 2nd
1773

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday January 17th 1774 - Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

2nd at said meeting put to vote whether the Town would ask any thing on the articles contained in the warrant for said meeting: which is to see if said Town would ask any thing relative to the Seas lately destroyed in the Town of Samton which was sent by the Caffodia Company and it passed in the Negative and then the meeting was dismissed.

attest - John Morton Town Clerk

Jan 17th
1774

1774

(24)

March 21st
1774 -
Jury
grand &
petit
Chosen

At a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in the
Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday March 21st
A.D. 1774 - and Capt. Nathaniel Smith and M^r
Ephraim Wood were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury
at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be
holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on
the second Tuesday of April next: and at the several Courts of
General Sessions of Peace to be holden there for the space
of one year: and Nathaniel Wheeler Nathaniel Wellington
and John French Jun^r were appointed by drawing out of the
box to serve on the Jury of Tryals at said Court and at the said
Inferiour Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth
afore said on the second Tuesday of April next.

attest John Morton Town Clerk

annual
Town mee-
ting 1774
2nd 1774

At Town meeting held at Meeting House in the Easterly
Precinct in Middleborough on Monday March 21st
A.D. 1774 - being duly warned & lawfully assembled
for the choice of Town officers and other business as
inserted in the warrant for said meeting the following
persons were Chosen to serve in the respective offices then
after named (viz) -

1. Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was Chosen Moderator of said
meeting

2. John Morton } Town Clerk

3. Capt. Ebenezer Sprout
Capt. Benjamin White
M^r Nathaniel Samson
M^r George Leonard
M^r William Harlow } Select men

4. M^r Jacob Bennett
M^r William Shaw
M^r George Peirce } Assessors

At said meeting voted that there should be two Constables
Chosen in said Town in the west Constable district and
and voted and made choice of the following persons
to serve in said office in the Town afore said (viz) -

Jacob Soule
John Peirce
Elihu Finkham
Moses Thomas
Lemuel Ranford } Constables

1774

(25)

6th

at said meeting voted and accepted of the afore said
Lemuel Ranford to serve in the office of Constable in said
Town in the West and Head of Isaac Cushman who was
accepted of by said as surety for said Lemuel Ranford's
faithfull performance in said office.

7th

John Morton was Chosen Town Treasurer

8th

Thomas Tupper
Ethanah Shaw
Sylvanus Eaton
John Richmond
Ebenezer Hayford
Nathaniel Peirce } Wardens

9th

They then made choice of Sylvanus Cobb, James Rider, John Tompson,
Michael Finkham, Luther Redding, Joseph Eaton, Joseph
Leonard, Henry Leonard Jun^r, Shephard Parker, St. John
Kelton, Joseph Booth, John Douglas, John Montgomery Jun^r,
Benjamin Joseph Leonard, John Rogers, Benjamin Smith,
Sylvanus Thomas, Isaac Wood, Ebenezer Bennett, Archiburn
Cole, Jeremiah Thomas, John Smith, George Williams,
Joshua Benson Jun^r, Nathan Eddy Surveyors of highways

10th

and then voted and made choice of Mess^{rs} of Abner Barrow
Richard Peirce, Silas Wood, Joseph Booth, Ebenezer
Bry Bennett to be a committee to take care that all
alwives have a free passage up and down the river and
Brooks in said Town for the year ensuing

11th

at said voted to take the fish full alwives in a
wampet Brook at M^r Nathaniel Smith's 2^d waiver in
said Middleborough. Provided they can agree with said
Smith for taking fish at said waiver: on Monday & Tuesday
in each week during this term for alwives and then voted
and made choice of M^r William Selden to apply to said
Nathaniel Smith 2^d for taking said fish at said waiver &
make report thereof to the Town at the next adjournment
of this meeting.

12th

and then said meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the
twenty first day of March Instant at one of the clock in
the afternoon to be held at the afore mentioned meeting
in said Town and the Moderator Declared said meeting to
be adjourned to that time

attest John Morton Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #74
TOWN RECORDS 1774-1778, 2:26-95 Holbrook

Town meeting
of 29th March
from 12.1. of
3. m. sh.

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in the Town of Middleborough on Tuesday the 29th day of March A.D. 1774

By adjournment from the 21st day of said month of March; and then Moderator took his place and then immediately passed the following votes (viz.)
1st at said meeting the Town by vote excused Richard Peirce & Joseph Booth from being as from settled men to take over the alwives are not permitted in their form in said Town the present year.

2nd at said meeting voted and made choice of John Peirce and Job Howland to serve in said office; but on the 29th day of said month made to the Town they excused him from serving in the afore said office.

3rd at said meeting voted and made choice of Messrs Benjamin Darling as a Committee to inspect Fiddon Ryeley and Simeon Doggett as a Committee to inspect Tuntown River as far down as there is any remains of a way, to catch the fish called alwives on such days as the Law require (viz.) and prosecute those that shall be found breaking the Law in that behalf made & provided.

4th at said meeting John Norruth, Jononiah Tinkham Junr, Sedidiah Thomas Junr, John Cobb, and Hezekiah Swinton were chosen of Siding men.

5th Nathan Truant, Barnabas Lamson, Ebenezer Elmes, Job Richardson, Amos Bryant, } Hogg Reeves

6th Mr. James Soule, } Deer Reeves
Enr. John Bennett

7th Mr. Joseph Bates Junr, } Sealer Leather

8th John Elmes, and John Barrows were chosen to see if due observance of the Province Law relating to horses going on the Commons.

9th Lemuel Jackson, } Fence Viewers
Barzillai Thomas
Levi Wood
Elias Miller Junr.

10th David Shaw, } Surveyors of Lumber
Israel Woods
Micah Bryant
William Tanton.

memorandum
William Howland
Chosen to catch with
Simeon Doggett & wife
if of Smith would
give Liberty to them
at his own in
Tuntown & Wood in
March 21. 1774. made
his Report to the Town
that S. Smith would
not give Liberty to
them.

11th at said meeting put to vote whether at this meeting they would hear the Petition of Elkanah Peirce and others relating to the Building of a Town house and a work house both in one and it passed in the Negative.

12th at said meeting put to vote whether the Town would do anything relative to the petition of Joseph Supper and consider him in the hope a met with in the alwife fishery which he bought of said Town for the year 1773 and it passed in the Negative.

13th at said meeting voted and accepted of a Road laid out by the select men near Mr. Benjamin Moore and John Perkins to Rhode Island Road Return where of Return Date September 14th 1773.

14th at said meeting voted & accepted of a Road laid out by the select men near Job Chapin & South by John Perkins' Dwelling house in said Town the Return Date January 15th 1774.

15th at said meeting the Town by vote accepted of a Road laid out by the select men beginning near the Road that leads from Confield to the Caleb Benson and Joshua Benson to Plympton the Return Date September 23rd 1773.

16th at said meeting voted & accepted of a Road laid out by the select men beginning between the houses of Edmund Wood & Amos Wood and Comethout to Rochester Road between Jacob Thomas and Seth Thomas the Return Date March 14th 1774.

17th at said meeting voted and accepted of a Road laid out by the select men from the corner of Capt. Joseph Leonard's Land out to Rhode Island Road so called near Thomas Paddock's the Return Date March 15th 1774.

18th at said meeting voted and made choice of Mr. Zebulon Leonard and Mr. William Shaw as a Committee to examine the Town Treasurers accounts and Make Report there of as soon as they conveniently can to the Town at a Town meeting.

19th at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto Capt Benjamin White for a day in laying out a Road 23rd of Sept. last 4th and for going with his compass in laying out a Road March 15th 1774 3rd the sum of seven shillings in full of his account.

20th at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto Amos Wapman for taking care of the fish called alwives of the year 1773 the sum of 12th in full of his account.

21st at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto M^r. Isaac Cushman the sum of eight Shillings for his time spent taking care that the fifth called alewives had a free passage up & down the river

22nd at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto M^r. Jacob Bennett for nine days making Rates at 3d/qr. day 3d/qr. for year 1773 and for laying out a Road by Stephen Washburn 3s. in a day & a half in running the Town Line 6s. and a day out a Road by Ephraim Thomas 4s. the several sums amounting to two pounds & nine shillings

23rd at said meeting voted to allow and pay out of Town Treasury unto M^r. William Shaw for nine days making Rates by laying at 4s. 9d. Day and for paper 6s. for the year 1773 - the sum of one pound sixteen shillings & six pence

24th at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto M^r. George Perine for eight days making Rates for the year 1773 at 4s. 9d. day one pound and twelve shillings

25th at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto M^r. William Searcy for half a day laying out a Town way 2s. and for perambulating my Town Line Day and a half 6s. and laying out a Town Road 3s. and laying out a Road near William Needre 3s. the whole amounting to seventeen shillings and eight pence in full of his account

26th at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treasury unto M^r. Zebulun Leonard for a day & a half perambulating the Town Line with a Rod after 6s. in Oct. 1773 & for time spent in taking the depositions of W^m. Stroud for Simon Doggett & Ebenezer Wood and money paid them 9s. 6d. and money paid Peter Oliver W^m. 2s. 6d. for taking the above said depositions 2s. and time spent in said affairs 1s. 6d. and laying out a Road near Job Chapin 3s. & laying a Road near W^m. Needre 2s. 6d. and more time spent laying out near W^m. Edmund Woods to the Saw Works 4s. the whole amounting to one pound & eight shillings & eight pence in full of his account

27th at said meeting voted and executed Ebenezer Hayford from serving in the office of Warden for the ensuing year by the Son of his infirmity and then voted & made choice of Samuel Hoar to serve in said office the ensuing year and then a meeting was adjourned to May next to the day the above meets for choice of a Representative at three o'clock in the afternoon and day had the moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned to the time at next

Isaac Cushman
0-8-0

Jacob Bennett
2-9-0

Wm Shaw
1-16-6

Geo Perine
1-12-0

Cap Searcy
0-17-8

M Zeb
Leonard
1-8-8

At a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday May 4th 1774 M^r. William Shaw and Lieut. John Weston were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury; and Deacon Joseph Prichard and M^r. Shubael Tinkham appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Goals Delivery to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the Third Tuesday of May Instant

At a Town meeting at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 23rd 1774 - and Capt. Ebenezer Perin was chosen to represent the Town at the Great and General Court or assembly to be kept and held at the Town House in Boston on Wednesday the Twenty fifth day of May Instant and during the Session and Sessions of said Court for the year ending

At a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday May 23rd 1774 by adjournment from the 29th of March last and the Moderator took his place & proceeded as followeth (viz)

at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto M^r. John M. Cutler out of the Town Treasury the sum of sixteen shillings for taking care that the alewives had a free passage out of a passage up the Brook & for going to Plymouth as an evidence in to prosecute some persons for fishing contrary to Law in said brook in the year 1772

at said meeting voted unto John Hayford Constable of said Town for 1773 - the following Remittances of Rates in his Bills (viz) to Nathaniel Wilder one poll tax 4s. and a poll tax that John Hayford was wrongfully Rates 4s. all 8s. that Seth Weston was Rates for his son Seth Weston being the whole the sum of thirteen shillings

voted to M^r. Nathaniel Sampson Constable of said Town for 1771 the whole of Jabez Eddy's Rate being 4s. also David Seaver's poll tax being 4s.

voted to M^r. Simon Doggett Constable of said Town for 1771 that Wm Needre being wrongfully 10s. Josiah Hackett poll tax 4s. Ebenezer Kings also John Eddy's Rate 4s. - Thomas Blackman's poll tax being the amounting to the sum of one pound four shillings and ten pence

May 4th 1774

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Grand Jury

Superior Court

Assembly

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at said meeting to Mr. Francis Tomson Constable of Town
 5 for 1772 the following Remittances of Rates in his Bill
 out of the Town Treasury to be paid (viz) William Bent -
 4/9 to James Little John 5/ also 9 that the Widow Melittable
 Bumpas was wrongfully Rated for Meal & Stale also 4/9 that
 Joseph Porter was Rated the several sums amounting to fifteen
 Shillings & three pence

at said meeting voted to Remit 4/9 that Jacob Eddy Junr
 was Rated in Richard Peries Mill & Peries being a Constable
 in said Town for 1772 and the same to be paid out of the
 Town Treasury

at said meeting voted to Remit 5/9 that El Nathan Benson
 was Rated as also 4/4 that Reuben Muscham was Rated in
 James Lebarons bills who was Constable of said Town for 1773
 the sum being being ten Shillings & one penny to be paid out of
 the Town Treasury

at said meeting voted to allow and pay out of the
 Town Treasury the sum of five pounds fourteen shil-
 lings and four pence for his time and expenses and his
 horse which is as followeth for going to Taunton & from
 thence to Deighton to inspect Taunton Great River to pre-
 vent people's scaring contrary to Law Self and horse 6/
 and expenses 2/ and for going to Baskley 6/ expenses 2/ and
 going Maynham & Taunton Self and horse & expenses 2/
 for going to Taunton and Baskley Self horse & expenses 2/
 and for going to Taunton when the Court was adjourned 5/
 Sept 18. 40 three days attendance at Court 15/ expenses
 10/8 and one day attendance at the same Court at Taunton
 5/ & expenses 3/ and for summoning witnesses at Baskley
 5/ for three days attendance at the Superior Court 15/
 Expenses 12/ ap. 16. 1774 for going to Taunton to get audit
 done on Williams 3/8 & for going to Baskley to inspect them
 that were fishing 6/ expenses 2/ in full of his account

at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Capt. Ebenezer
 Spruith out of the Town Treasury the sum of one pound nine
 shillings & five pence for four days him Self and horse
 to wait upon the General Court Committee at Taunton a-
 bout the alewives fishery at four shillings & day 16/ for
 expenses at the same time in the affair 2/6
 for expenses for selling the fish at Sandue Left Jan
 14/11 in full of his account

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at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the Town Treas-
 ury unto Mr. Ebenezer Wood the sum of five pounds six
 shillings and six pence for going to Taunton & Deighton to
 inspect the Scaming in Taunton Great River one day Self & horse
 and expenses 2/ to one day Ditto & expenses 2/ to one day Ditto
 10/ to going to Brigwater my self and horse to advise the 4/
 to one day Ditto & expenses 4/ to going to fetch the writs 4/ -
 to Ditto to convey the writs my self & horse 7/ to Subpoena
 on the adjournment & expenses 4/ my self & horse attend
 at Taunton Sept. Term 4 days and expenses 32/2 to Self and
 horse at the same Court 3 days 10/8 and expenses 10/2 and for
 service done as a Committee man for to see the passage ways
 clear in Middleborough at the Court in & at the sitting
 mill being 7/ in full of his account as above said

at said meeting and accepted of the account of Debt
 & credit of Mr. Fillson Pringle agents for Town in proper
 writing and inspecting these persons that had scamed
 in Taunton Great River contrary to law which account
 is as followeth May 2. 1773 D. the Town of Middleboro
 To Fillson Pringle

to Cash paid Mr. Addams 1-4-0 To Cash paid Mr. Anger 0-12-0
 to Cash paid John Williams 1-14-0 To Cash paid for officers fees
 to Cash paid of Court 0-6-0 and witness travel 0-3-4
 Court To Cash paid for tacking
 to Cash paid Mr. Anger 3-5-6 the Infonion (Cash) 0-6-0
 to Cash paid Mr. Reading 0-11-0 ap. 7. 1773 to Cash paid
 To Cash paid in evidence 0-6-0 Joseph Briggs a witness 0-7-3
 to Subpoena evidence 0-2-0 an acct. of my time &
 To Cash paid one evidence 0-2-0 expenses to Taunton 1 day 0-6-0
 To Jones fees 2-1-8 Self and horse 0-1-8
 To Cash paid to appeal 0-2-8 to my expenses 0-1-8
 To Cash paid witness 0-3-7 To one day Self & horse to 0-6-0
 To Cash paid man to fish 0-2-5 To my expenses 0-1-0
 of River 0-1-0 To 2 days & half my self &
 To Cash paid Mr. Thoburn 0-1-6 horse to Taunton & Maynham 0-15-0
 To Cash paid 3 witnesses & Subpoena 0-6-4 to my expenses Taunton 0-2-8
 out Superior Court witness 0-10-0 To one day my self & horse to 0-6-0
 To Cash paid Mr. Jones 0-6-11 to my expenses 0-1-6
 To Cash paid of Court 0-6-11 May 1. To one day my self &
 To Cash paid for tacking 0-18-0 horse to Middleborough & Taunton 0-6-11
 To Cash paid for witness 0-1-15 To my self & horse to Taunton 0-6-0
 To Cash paid Mr. Addams 1-4-0 To my expenses 0-3-10
 To Cash paid Mr. Limby 1-4-0 Turn over

June 8. to one day my self and horse } 0-7-4
 to Samton & expenses }
 out 20. To one day my self & horse } 0-7-2
 and expenses to Samton }
 To 3 days my self and horse } 1-16-6
 at Sep. Court & expenses }
 To 2 days at Court & week } 1-0-9
 my self and horse & expenses }
 Oct. 9. to one day self & horse to } 0-7-4
 Brimwater and expenses }
 14 To 4 Days my self & horse } 2-8-0
 to Superior Court at Samton }
 and my expenses }

Balance
 Due to Town 1-0-2
 27-14-0

Errors excepted P. Tillson Pipley

1774 The Town of Middleborough to Tillson Pipley
 To Samton & Barkley day & expenses 0-8-3
 To Cash paid Clearer for 0-6-0
 To Cash paid Seth Alden Junr as Witness 0-3-0
 To Cash paid Peter Hunt and Peter Reed 0-7-6
 1-4-9

The Balance Due of this account from the } 1-4-9
 Town of Middleboro to Tillson Pipley is } 1-0-2
 0-4-7

at said meeting voted to allow & pay out of the
 Town Treasury unto John Morton for taking in and paying out
 for Birds heads & furred &c. the sum of three pounds & five shillings
 vote Oct. 19th 1772 the sum of three pounds & five shillings
 in full of his account

at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto M^r. Nathan Darling
 for his time and trouble in keeping and carrying out of Town one
 Hannah Watson and two children the sum of one pound seven
 teen shillings and seven pence in full of his account & the same
 to be paid out of the Town Treasury

at said meeting voted that M^r. Tillson Pipley should draw & receive
 out of the Town Treasury to enable him to carry on action now commenced
 against Seth Williams of Samton for scolding contrary to Law said Pipley
 to be accountable unto the Town for the same and that the meeting was
 dissolved at which John Morton Town Clerk

Assembly
 of the Town
 between
 Middleboro
 and
 Rochester
 Oct. 21st
 1773

Know all men by These Presents that we Zebulun Leonard
 Jacob Bennett William Gundry Select men of the Town of Middle-
 borough and Samuel Briggs Junr and Nathaniel Hammond
 Select men of the Town of Rochester being met together
 this twenty first day of October 1773 In order to Perambulate
 upon the Line and Renew the Bounds Between the two afore-
 said Towns accordingly we all went to a heap of Stones on
 the West Side of the Road that leads from Plymouth to Ro-
 chester which Heap of Stones is in a straight line between
 three Pine trees old marked which was the North East Corner
 Bound of Rochester old Town Site and a Stake and heap of Stones
 which is the North West Corner Bounds of said Rochester
 standing in said Middleborough line which Heap of Stones
 first mentioned we Renewed and from thence we agreed to and Re-
 newed all the Stations that were agreed to and Renewed in a Peram-
 bulation between said two Towns bearing Date September
 tenth 1764 making the westerly end of Quittens Brook a
 Station we have hereunto set our hands the Day above said
 Samuel Briggs Jr. } Select men: Zebulun Leonard } Select men
 } } Jacob Bennett } of
 Nath. Hammond } Rochester William Gundry } Middleboro

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House
 in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday
 June 20th 1774 - Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was chosen
 Moderator of said meeting

at said meeting the Town voted and made Choice of
 Capt. Ebenezer Sprout, Capt. Benjamin White,
 M^r. William Harlow M^r. Nathaniel Sampson and M^r.
 George Leonard their five Select men to be a Com-
 mittee of Correspondence for said Town to Correspond
 with the Town of Boston's Correspondence Committee
 and Committees of other Towns, Relative to the late acts
 of the British Parliament which bore so hard against
 our Charter Rights and Privileges.

and then at said meeting the Town voted & made
 of Messrs. Ebenezer Wood (Samuel Barker) John Miller,
 Abner Kingman, Zachariah Gaddy, and John Weston as
 on addition to the above said Committee and to have
 the same power with them (then over)

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and that the a fore said Committee shall on the adjournment of this meeting lay their transactions before the Town for the Towns approbation or disapprobation of the a fore said Committee, proceeding on the a fore mentioned affair.

Memorandum the a fore said Lath mentioned Committee men personally appeared in d. meeting and declared that they would serve the Town in the a fore said affair of correspondence free and clear of any cost or charge to the Town as also the first chosen free select men of said Town and then said meeting was adjourned unto the third Monday of October Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon and the moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned to that time

attest John Morton Town Clerk

June 20th
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Jury for
County of
July Court
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at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday June 20th 1774 at said meeting Mr. Micah Bryant and Mr. Ebenezer Cox were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July Next

Sept. 28th
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Jury men
Chosen
for said
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at Plymouth

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday September 28th 1774 at said meeting Mr. Ebenezer Briggs Jun^r and Mr. Paul Hathaway were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next

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At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday September 28th 1774 and Capt. Ebenezer Sprout was chosen to represent the Town in the Great and General Court or assembly appointed to be kept and held at the Court House in Salem on Wednesday the fifth day of October Next and to during the Session and Session of said Court from said fifth of October to May Next

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At said meeting voted & made choice of Messrs Elder Mark Harkal: George Leonard: Ebenezer Wood: Jonathan Washburn: and Abner Kingman as Committee to draw up Instructions for Capt. Ebenezer Sprout their Representative relative to these times of Trouble: which Instructions are as followeth & the Town by vote accepted of the same &c.

Massachusetts Bay

Middleborough September 28th 1774 This Town having made choice of Capt. Ebenezer Sprout to represent them in the Great and General Court or assembly of this Province which is appointed to meet at Salem the 5th Day of October Next do give him the following Instructions to guide his General Conduct in that assembly

For Reposing Confidence in you as a friend to our Country and to the Charter Government & Constitution of this Province; we commit to you the Important trust of Representing us as above named; and we advise you & direct you in the first place

To observe a just allegiance to our Sovereign Lord & King agreeable to the Compact made with our venerable progenitors

To desert your self for the Recovery of union & affection between Great Britain & these Colonies on a Constitutional Basis

To fall in with every measure that tends to promote said Harmony, friendship and good agreement amongst the English Colonies on the Continent

To have a particular Regard in all your Consultations and actions to the true Interest & Salvation of this injured Province and of its distressed Metropolis

To avoid joining or acting in conjunction with those enemies of our Charter Government the Mandamus Councils unto their assembly be not then united) guard also against everything that tends to carry into execution any part of the late acts of Parliament for regulating the Government of this Province

To use your utmost Endeavours that the money & other public Properties of the Province be lodged in safe and faithful hands

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To use every lawfull & reasonable method in conjunction with the Hon^{ble} house for preventing the late act of Parliament from: against this Province from taking place and for restoring the Charter Government of this Province in its just and full Extent.

Further more by these Instructions we Impower and authorize you to join With the rest of the Deputies from the several Towns in the Province who are or shall be appointed to form a Provincial Congress and then to conduct and act those things which have the best tendency to serve and promote the Benefit of this Province: that so the Rights & Liberty of Publick Justice may be open and operate freely and that we may live in peace & safety under the Protection Influence of a glorious & good Government:

also To acknowledge the Hon^{ble} Board of Councilors Elected by the General Court at their Sessions in May Last as the only rightfull & Constitutional Council of this Province.

In the Last place we directly caution you: not to act any thing rashly or hastily. Neither come to any final Determination; in Publick matters untill the Result of the Great Congress of the Colonies be made known from which Result we do hope to receive light and direction in this Day of Darkness & Perplexity Touching our future Conduct in Civil and Commercial and Governmental affairs: and we devoutly wish that the wonderful Councils may preside in the assembly of the Province: and guide and direct their Consultations and measures unto a good and happy end.

Mark Hashol
George Leonard
Zebulon Hood
Jonah Harkness
Abner Longman

Committee

and then the meeting was Dismissed.

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Oct. 17th 1774

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At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Parish in Middleborough on Monday October 17th 1774 M^r William Harlow was Chosen Moderator of said meeting

at the Town vote and made choice of M^r Joshua White a select man in the Room of M^r George Perier who was Chosen in March last and since Deceased

and then the Town by vote made choice of M^r Nathaniel Smith the 3^d an assessor in the Room of M^r George Perier who was Chosen in that Office Last March and since Deceased.

at said meeting voted to raise forty Pounds in money on the polls and Estates of the several Inhabitants of said Town to Defray the necessary Charge then arising for the ensuing year and the same to be paid into the Treasury of said Town by the first day of April Next.

at said meeting voted to permit in M^r Nathaniel Sampson Bills who was Constable of said Town for the year 1771 4/11 which M^r John Caswell was rated in said Bills: and to be paid out of the Town Treasury

also voted to permit 4/9 that Joshua White was rated in M^r Joshua Whites Bills: who was Constable of said Town for 1772 and the same to be paid out of the Town Treasury

at said meeting voted to allow and pay unto John Mather out of the Town Treasury the sum of two pounds for serving as Town Treasurer for the year 1773

where as there was two Constables Chosen in the West-Constable District in said Town in March last the Town at this meeting voted and Impowered these three assessors to divide said District into two Districts as they in their wisdom and Judgment shall think best: and to assign unto each Constable this District.

at said meeting voted to Sell the Privilege of the salt water fishery at or near the Slitting Mill agreeable to the late act of this Province to the highest bidder who however is the highest bidder shall give sufficient security to the Town for the sum they shall give: and shall observe the directions in the Law Relating to the obtaining Liberty of the Slitting Mill for the taking of said fish.

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Abiel Seine
sold to Capt
of John Miller
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Philip Leonard
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Pay Town

and pay the one half he shall give by the first day of June Next and the other half of said land by the first day of September Next: and then the Town by vote appointed Mr. John Rippley and due matter for the sale of said fish and then said meeting was adjourned unto the Dwelling house of Lt. John Weston to be held immediately and the moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned as aforesaid. The Town met according to adjournment and the moderator took his place & proceeded to the sale of said fish and Capt Abiel Seine was the highest bidder: therefore the Privilege of taking said fish was sold to him the said Capt Abiel Seine for the consideration of the sum of Ninety two pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence and Capt Philip Leonard and in for Nathaniel Brummas appeared as sureties for the said Abiel Seine for the payment of said sum: and the Town by vote accepted of them as sureties for the said Abiel Seine: and then said meeting was adjourned unto the same Day the Town meets in Church North for the Choice of Town officers at nine of the Clock in the fore Noon & the moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned to that time &c
attest John Weston Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday October 17th A.D. 1774 by adjournment from the 20th of June last past the moderator being absent the Town by vote appointed Mr. William B. Shaw moderator of said meeting for this day at said meeting voted & accepted of a Report drawn up by the Committee of Correspondence of said Town and then voted & made Choice of Mr. Joshua White to be one of the said Committee in Room andsted of Capt Benjamin White Deceased
and then at said meeting voted that the above said Report be sent to the Committee of Correspondence of the Town of Boston for publication: & then said meeting was further adjourned to Tuesday the 22nd Day of November Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon

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Nov 22 1774

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 22nd day of November A.D. 1774 Mr. John Miller was Chosen moderator of said meeting: and on a motion made & seconded said meeting was adjourned to Monday the 19th Day of December Next at ten o'clock in the fore Noon and the moderator declared said meeting to be adjourned to that time
attest John Weston Town Clerk

Nov 22 1774
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from 17th
of Oct last

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 22nd of November A.D. 1774 by adjournment from the 17th of October last past the moderator being absent the Town by vote made Choice of Mr. John Miller moderator of said meeting and then said meeting was further adjourned to Monday the 19th day of December Next at one o'clock in the after Noon and the moderator said meeting to be adjourned to that time
attest John Weston Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday December 19th 1774 by adjournment from the 22nd of November last past: Mr. John Miller the moderator of the aforesaid meeting being absent the Town by vote made Choice of Capt. Eben. Wood moderator of said meeting
at said meeting put to vote whether the Town should choose some person to receive the money that shall be raised for year 1774 for the use of the Town to be as the Town shall vote and order and it passed in the affirmative: and by vote appointed Capt. Eben. Wood to be said Receiver: and that all the Province money now in the former Constables hands in said Town shall be paid into the said Eben. Wood: and take his Receipt for the he shall receive: and then voted that the said Eben. Wood shall procure two sufficient Bondsmen in receiving in & paying out said money and then the Town by vote accepted of Capt Eben. Wood & Mr. Samuel Tinkhag to be Bondsmen as aforesaid
at said meeting the Town voted that the said Eben. Wood's Receipts shall be a full discharge from Harrison Gray Esq^r former Treasurer to the aforesaid Constables
on a motion made & seconded to see if the Town will protect their officers for not making their Return of the Province aforesaid for year 1774 to Harrison Gray Esq^r as respects the Town voted in the affirmative
and then voted that said officers in making their warrants to the Constables for the year 1774 should make them out in some form that they do not making warrants for detaining Town taxes such as parts to be paid to Mr. Weston Town Clerk a part to Eben. Wood Receiver for year 1774

at said meeting voted to allow & pay unto Capt. Eben. Sprout for his time and travel to Boston & Salem at May Session as Representative 6-15-0 and in Sept. 1774 for four days him self & his wife after George Allen to Concord 2^d and expenses 10th of Oct. 1774 to his time and travel to the Provincial Congress the Concord & Cambridge also pounds and Dec. 1774 to his time & travel to the Provincial Congress to Cambridge five pounds & five shilling the whole so amounting to nineteen pounds fourteen shilling & three pence and then said was further adjourned to the same day the Town meets in March next for the choice of Town Officers an one o'clock in the afternoon at which John Norton Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday December 19th 1774 by adjournment from the 22nd of November last Capt. the Moderator Mr. John Miller being absent the Town appointed Capt. Eben. Sprout Moderator of said meeting and on motion made & seconded said meeting was further adjourned to the same day in March that the Town meets for the choice of Town Officers at two o'clock in the afternoon at which John Norton Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday January 5th 1775 And M^{rs} Ebenezer Sprout was chosen Moderator of said meeting at said meeting the Town by vote made choice of M^{rs} Joshua White as a Deputee to the present then in a Provincial Congress to be held at Cambridge on the first day of February next and so during the Session & adjournment of said Congress

at said meeting voted to raise sixty pounds Lawfull money on the Polls and Estates of the several Inhabitants of said Town to provide the Town with arms and ammunition together with what Town stock they already have that so the Town may be provided with a Town stock according to the law of this Province and then voted and Impowered the Select Men of said Town for the purposes above said to raise the said sum of sixty pounds on Lawfull Interest till the next Tax of said Town is made: And said money to be raised that so said money may be repayed with the Interest thereof: and then the meeting was dismissed attest John Norton Town Clerk

60-00
Town
Clerk

at Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday March 13th 1775 Being duly Warned and Requested assembled for the choice of Town officers and other Business in the Warrant for said meeting the following Persons were chosen & sworn in the Respective Offices here after named viz

1st Major Ebenezer Sprout was chosen Moderator for said meeting

2nd Abner Banown was chosen Town Clerk

3rd Major Ebenezer Sprout
Capt Joshua White
Mr William Harlow
Mr Nathaniel Sampson
Mr George Lennox } Select Men

4th Capt William Shaw
Capt Nathaniel Smith
Mr Thabel Tinkham } Assessors

5th Joseph Smith
Elihu Vaughan
Stephen Briggs
Job Peirce
Joseph Eaton } Constables

at Town meeting held by adjournment Monday March 13th 1775
Constable in the Evening
Stephen Briggs
Job Peirce
John Douglas Constable

6th William Benant Jr was chosen Town Treasurer

7th Lt William Lippoe
Zachariah Weston
Edward Richmond
Thomas Paddock Jr
Richard Peirce
Enoch Thomas } Wardens

memorandum of the
Vote by the Town meeting
held by adjournment the
22nd of March that the
lay for the Bayonet with
all accoutrements belong
ing to the Company of the
Town

8th at said meeting Voted that the Capt of each of the Menet Companies viz that their Soldiers under their Command be provided with Bayonets for their Guns they Being accountable to the Town for the same

9th they then made choice of Surveyors of High Ways
Ebenezer Woburn
Benjamin Brown
William Sampson
Samuel Tinkham
Nathan Richmond
Abner Kingman
Samuel Hens

Silvanus Eaton Zebulon Pratt Abraham Shaw Samuel
Nelson ~~Walter~~ Howard Job. Chase James Keith
Isaac Finkham Roger Hasdal Menias Thomas William
Readson Thomas Bate, Leung Ebenezer Bennett Isaac Thomas
Elipha Freeman Ichabod Atwood Samuel C. B. Elkannah
Shaw

10th and then Voted by the Town to keep a Committee of three men to inspect the Fishery for the Present year viz Ebenezer Wood William Tupper Amos Sinkham

and then Voted to Adjourn said meeting to Friday the Twenty Eight
Day of March Instant to two o'clock in the afternoon to be held
at a^{the} afore mentioned meeting in said town and the moderator
Declared the meeting to be adjourned to that time
Attest Abner Brown Secy

at a Town meeting held by Adjournment from March 1st to March 2nd in the Eastly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough the town then met the moderator took his Place and acted on the following Business. Viz

154 King Men Joseph Borden Nathaniel Tompson Andrew Cobb
Ebenezer Enckham George Williams

269
Rogge Reeves Daniel. Inhabit. Thomas Blackman Turner
John Leonard Samuel Richard Perez Shaw

364 Sealer of Leather Zechariah Paddock

44/ John Elmer & John Richard Chapin to Sec. the Dur. of Jan. 1860
of B. & W. L. Relating to the going on the Common.

564
Hosea Vosen Nathan Allen Caleb Simmons
Lemuel Bryant Nehemiah Allen

619 Deer River, Mr. John Tinkham & Mr. James Libberson.

6/9 Dear friends
7/9 Surveys of Lumber John Townsend John Miller
Micah Bryant William Tompson

Notes

864 Votes by ^{the} to take the fish. Votes aview in a secret brook
as they go into the Long Pond. to cast their. I plan to take said
fish. Two bags in each block the on Monday, & Tuesday.

9ly Mr Thomas Nelson Choona commonly known to inspect the fishery at a sawmill brook for the year

1844
+ Voted by the town to Chap. a Committee of Inspection Concerning
European Trade. ^{the} agreeable to the Desire of the Prisoners.
Mr. Caleb Tompson Mr. John Miller. Lt. John Weston. Nath^l West
Mr. Ebenezer Kingman

114y We the Sabenbas Being Chosen by the town of middsbrough in
March last to examine John Trepoer or John Medowes about
we accordingly met said Trepoer here on the 25th day of month
Instant and Upon Examination we find he had into said Trepoer
the sum of £ 502 - 6 - 10

We also find he have Paid out of said treasury the
 X and that their Remains Due to said treasury - 580 - 11 - 2
 1/2 find Due from the following Persons - 81 = 55 4

We also find one
 another named viz

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| from John Jack for the sum of | 0 - 11 - 3 |
| from the heirs of Hazebruch Pirington | 0 - 14 - 5 ¹² / ₁₀₀ |
| from Timothy Bryant | 0 - 6 - 0 |
| from Peter Vaughan | 0 - 15 - 1 ¹⁴ / ₁₀₀ |
| from Elipha Tinkham | 0 - 12 - 7 |
| from Capt William Pandey | 0 - 10 - 7 ¹⁴ / ₁₀₀ |
| from Francis Tompson | 3 - 2 - 2 |
| from William Harlow | 3 - 1 - 6 |
| from Joshua White | 2 - 13 - 3 |
| for a Richard Peirce | 1 - 15 - 6 |
| from James LeBaron | 6 - 10 - 2 |
| from John Hayford | 10 - 14 - 0 |
| from Job Peirce | 6 - 6 - 3 |
| from Jacob Soul | 7 - 14 - 11 |
| from Moses Thomas | 11 - 16 - 0 |
| from Samuel Ranom | 9 - 8 - 3 |
| from Elipha Tinkham | 5 - 11 - 9 |
| from John Pees | 5 - 13 - 1 |
| from Phenius Pratt for fifth | 2 - 0 - 10 |
| from Nathaniel Sampson | 3 - 14 - 2 |
| from Nathaniel Sampson | <u>£96 = 1 = 4</u> |

we also find Due from Union Sagger 2.50
 Ebenezer Briggs and Capt Abiel Peine upon notes
 for the fifth sold the sum of 203.13 : 5
 Dated this 14th March 1878 ^{Union} Total amount to 293.14 - 9
 the town voted and accepted
 of the above account
 in town meeting
 March 28
 Zebulon Leonard
 William Shaw Community d
 to make up a
 with the Treasur

Fabulen Leonard
 William Shaw Community &
 to make up a unit
 with the Professor

1775 at a Town meeting held in Middleborough on the Twentieth Day of May 1775 the town then met at the Easterly Precinct in said Town according as they have notified in the Warrant of said meeting and according to the advice of the Colony Congress their they acted on the following articles Viz

1^{ly} the town Put it to Vote Whether there should be two Persons Chosen to serve in the Colony Congress for the Term of six months Passed in the Negative

2^{ly} the Town then Put it to vote to know whether they would send on Person Passed in the affirmative they they Proceeded to the Choice and Chose Capt Joseph White to serve in said Congress during the Session and Adjourn of Congress to be held at

at Mr. Barron Town Clerk

July 3rd 1775 at a Town meeting held in Middleborough on July 3rd 1775 to hear the Report of the Committee of Inspection who find that Silas Wood William Strimbridge Jr. Simon Daggitt Joseph Vaughan Thomas Paddock Zebulon Leonard Lemuel Hanson Joseph Bates James Jacob Bennett Peter Vaughan &c have not given Satisfaction to them that they are found to the Country after the Warrant being Read in the meeting the town then

1^{ly} made Choice of Colonel Ebenezer Sprague moderator

2^{ly} Voted by the town that the Petition of Sundry of the above said Persons is not Satisfactory

3^{ly} Voted by the town to choose a Committee of five Persons and to adjourn for one hour (Viz) Capt Samuel Smith Mr. Edmund Wood Mr. Ephraim Wood & Mr. Isaac Soule Benjamin Thomas

Report of Committee Voted & accepted by the town after being Read We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to determine what should be thought proper Relative to a Number of Persons whose Names are inserted in a Warrant for which purpose a town meeting is called on Monday July 3rd A.D. 1775

Do agree and Resolve that it is our Determination that said persons be confined to their own homes from the Date hereof until they make Satisfaction to the town or Committee of Inspection save on the Lord's Day or other Days of Publick Worship (Viz) on fast Days and Thanksgiving Days and then not to go out of the town nor off of said homestead unless it be to attend Publick Worship at the Churches to which they

Respectively belong on Condition that if any or either of said Persons or Persons be found with out the Limits above Expressd that it is thought proper that Every such Person is offending shall be liable to be carried to the Camp at Roxbury or Belvidere up to some Principle military officer in said Camp and that the Captains of each Every Company in this town are obliged to take the Charge of such persons & that such offender or offenders shall be carried to the afore said Camp on sufficient Complaint or Evidence Dated at Middleboro July 3rd 1775

4^{ly} Voted by the town that the Committee of Inspection do examine into the trying Principles of William Condit and John Montgomery and make Report to the town and then the moderator Declared the meeting to be Dissolved at Mr. Barron Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held in Middleborough in the Easterly Precinct on July 17th 1775 then and there to Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in a great and General Court the town then met at the time and Place appointed in the Warrant and after the Warrant being Read

1^{ly} the town Put it to Vote Whether there should be two Persons Chosen or not Passed in the Negative

2^{ly} then Proceeded and Voted to send one they then Elected and Deputed Capt Joseph White to Represent them in a great and Court to feed and kept for the service of the Colony at the meeting house in Watertown upon Wednesday y^e 18th Day of July Instant by nine of the Clock in the fore noon and so from Day to Day during their Session and Adjourn

3^{ly} Voted by the town that the Mill in Middleborough should be kept at least men of Middleboro work to splitting Iron and Latt the said men of Town he agreeing with the said select men of said town at a price that they shall agree said Adams leaving the Mill as good Repair as he finds them

4^{ly} Voted by the town to Dismiss the Petition of Thomas Paddock &c Voted by the town that the Committee of Inspection go and inquire into the Conduct of William Condit & John Montgomery and that the said Committee of Inspection see that they are ordered to keep on of each of the military Companies see that they are ordered to keep on on their homestead farm and not go of sell such times as they give satisfaction to the town a Satisfaction on the part of the said Committee or the town at the discretion of which the meeting of being Carried to the Camp at Roxbury or Belvidere up to some Principle military officer

then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Dissolved at Mr. Barron Town Clerk

October 16. 1775

At a Town meeting in the Easterly Precinct meeting House on Monday 16 of October 1775

the town made choice of Colonel Ebenezer Sprunt Moderator of said meeting - -

1. Chas Nathaniel Tompson Surveyor of highways in the Spring William Tompson who is in the Colony Service

2. Gideon Kachet Surveyor of highways in the Spring Thomas who is in the Colony Service

3. Nathl. Wood Junior Surveyor of high Ways in stead of Thomas Bates who is in the Colony Service

4. Chas Joseph Booth Constable in Keene & Aid of John Singler Deeds who was chosen last year

5. Ebenezer Pratt accepted by the town in the name and stead of Eliphaa Vaughan being he being Subor to the town for said Pratt Performance

6. Voted by the town to raise the sum of sixty Pounds on the the Tools and Effects of the Inhabitants of this town of Middleborough the ensuing year for Defraying the Charges of said town

7. February 1. 1775 the town of Middleborough Do to Capt Joshua White for his Service as a Representative or a Delegate to Congress to my Journey to Cambridge and attendance 16 Days 5 - 0 - 0

8. April 1775 to my Journey to Concord and attendance 14 Days 15 - 0 - 0

9. my Journey to Watertown and attendance 17 Days 5 - 0 - 0

10. May 31 1775 my Journey to Watertown and attendance 15 Days 15 - 0 - 0

11. Voted by the town to pay to Capt Joshua White 100 out of the sum of 1000 Pounds

12. Remitted to John Weston one poole Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

13. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

14. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

15. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

16. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

17. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

18. Remitted to Jacob Tompson one Rate Rate in kind for 1000 Pounds

October 16. 1775

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The town then Voted to Sell the alewife fishery at Vendue as usual to the Highest Bidder and also appointed John Rapsly Vendue master for the sale of said fish

The said fish to be taken taken at or Near the White Mill in Middleboro in Amherst River and then Voted to adjourn the meeting to 7 o'clock in the afternoon to the house of Colonel Ebenezer Sprunt

the town according meet at the time and Place and by adjournment the Division of the Lot to be sold in taking said fish the one half of the money to be paid arising by the sale of said fish to be paid into the town Treasury by the first Day of June

Next the other half to be paid the first Day of September Next the moderator took his Place and Noah Cushman offered to be the highest Bidder who bid the sum of one hundred and thirty Pounds the town then Declined to be owner of said fish and what the taking said fish and disposing of them

Belonged to him the said Noah Cushman and Silas Wood Nathan Darling offered to be setting for said Cushman and the town by Vote accepted of the said Silas Wood & Nathan Darling as Surveys for the Payment of the above sum

and then the moderator Declared the meeting to be Dismissed

at New Boston Town Clerk

at Town Meeting held at the Meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday March 21st A.D. 1776

Being duly warned and Regularly assembled for the choice of Town officers and other Business as Incited in the warrant

For said meeting the following Persons were Chosen to serve in the respective offices here after named

Colonel Ebenezer Sprunt was Chosen moderator for said meeting

Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Mr Nathaniel Tompson } Select men

Mr George Leonard } Select men

Mr William Warlow } Select men

Mr Abner Kingman } Select men

Capt Nathaniel Sprunt } Select men

at said meeting Voted to Choose five assessors

Mr William Cushman } Assessors

Mr William Cushman } Assessors

March 11 1776

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6th Samuel Jackson
Jonah Washburn
John Mordoch
Job Chaice
John Barrows

Constables

7th William Bennett Town Treasurer

8th Voted by the town to protect the Person or Persons who bought the
Olewife Fishery of said town the town voted to adhere to the
the law in that case made and provided the present year
and also the Person or Persons who bought the fishing of said town
to adhere strictly to the same law the present year

9th Voted and allowed by the town to take the fish called olewives at
Oposwongt Brook at Nathaniel Smiths house as they go into the Pond
to put them in spawn allowed by the town to take the fish two days in each
week (the 12) on Mondays and Tuesdays and no more during fishing season

10th Voted that Ebenezer Briggs in the West Precinct be a Committee
to inspect said brook to see that the fish have a free Pass up and down
said brook

11th Voted that Nathaniel Billington Nathaniel Wilder and Abner Brown
be a Committee to inspect Nemasket River that the fish called olewives
have a free Pass up and down said River the year ensuing

Benjamin Darling
Nathan Eldley
Thomas Wood
Elijah Whit
Jacob Hayford
Zephaniah Thomas

Wardens

12th They then made Choice of Nathan Alden Caleb Muckson
Samuel Linckham Edmund Weston Mirah Leonard Solomon Babb
Job Eaton Samuel Eaton Uniah Sampson George Douglas
Job River John Miller Isaac Tinkham Amos Wilson
Phonias Thomas Benjamin Read Job Randal Peter Tinkham
Jeremiah James Elisha Freeman Hezekiah Surington Caleb Benson
Joseph Shaw Surveyors of High Ways

13th at a town meeting in the East Precinct in middleborough on Monday week
the 11th 1776 at two o'clock in the afternoon the town then chose Colonel Ebenezer
Sprunt Moderator after the warrant being read a motion being made
Whether the town should do any thing Relative to Warrant Paper in
the Negatives

Voted and allowed by the town that the Town go at Large gookid
Kingd the present year

1776

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14th and Then the town by Vote adjourned said meeting to
the May meeting for a Representatives to two o'clock in the
after Noon of said Day and then the Moderator followed
the meeting to be adjourned to the after mentind time and
Place
Attest Abner Barrows Town Clerk

April 1st 1776
Grand Jury
at a Town Meeting held at the meeting house in the Eastern
Precinct in Middleborough on Monday April ye 1st 1776
Present in Middleborough Nathaniel Smith Judge of the Peace
at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace
to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the
second Tuesday of April Next and the several Courts of General
Sessions of the Peace to be holden on there for the space of one year
Attest Abner Barrows Town Clerk

April 1st 1776
Petit Jury
At a Town Meeting held at the meeting house in the Eastern
Precinct in Middleborough on Friday April ye 1st 1776
at said meeting two men were appointed to serve as Jurymen at Plymouth
at to serve on a Court of Oyer and Terminer to be holden at Plymouth on the
fifteenth Day of April Next at two o'clock in the fore Noon
men were Mr William Bennett Esq. Mr Bateholer Bonwill Esq. appointed
to serve by Drawing out of the Petit Jury Box agreeable to the
Directions in the Warrant Attest Abner Barrows Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held in the meeting house in the Eastern Precinct in
Middleborough October ye 1st 1776 and by adjournment from said meeting house to
said Court of Sessions at 7 o'clock in the afternoon ye town met at said house
at the time to sell the olewife fishery as usual at Wanda. to the
highest Bidder at or near the Ditch on bridge olewife Works the Directions
of the law to be observed in taking said fish Noah Cushman appeared to
be the highest Bidder who bid the sum of one hundred and thirty Pounds
Silas Wood and Nathan Darling appeared to be Sureties for for said
Noah Cushman the town accepted of said Silas Wood and Nathan Darling
for the Performance of the above said sum April the 12th 1776 Then
of hand for Value Recd to Wm Bennett town Treasurer his Successor in
in said office for the sum of Sixty five Pounds to be Paid the first Day
of June Next coming and also another Note of Sixty five Pounds to
be Paid the first Day of September Next coming.

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1 by
At a town meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday May the 25th A.D. 1776 after the Warrant being Read they then Proceeded to the choice of a moderator
Voted and chose Colonel Ebenezer Sproutt moderator of said meeting
Said town did then give their Vote & signify their minds whether if the Hon^{ble} Congress should for the safety of the United Colonies Declain them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain they the said Inhabitants will solemnly Engage with their lives and fortunes to support in the measures Voted and allowed by town To support the above said measures & then the moderator Declaind the meeting to be Defolved Defolved
attest Abner Barrow Town Clerk

may be
Repres
entative
At a Town meeting held in Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 25th day of May at ten o'clock in the forenoon A.D. 1776 after the warrant being Read it being O.K. to Vote whether the town would send two Representatives Voted that they would send but one
The town did then by Vote Elect and Depute Mr Benjamin Thomas their Representative of the General Court appointed to be Agent for the Government Service at the meeting house in Watertown upon Wednesday the Given to ninth day of May ensuing and to attend the Service of said Court and General Court during their Session and Sessions
and then the Select men Defolved said meeting
attest Abner Barrow Town Clerk

1 by
Committee
of Safety
At a town meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday May the 25th 1776 at two o'clock in the afternoon by adjournment from March 11th 1776 and by said adjournment the town met at said time and Place and acted on the following business as Enacted in the warrant the moderator took his Place
Voted to chuse five men for a Committee of Inspection Correspondence
and Safety (Chose) Mr John Miller Mr Caleb Tompson Mr LeBene Sproutt Mr John Alden Mr Ephraim Wood
to see if the town will act any thing to a Number of Persons who are Randed Enemical to the Country or Confined to their honested forms Voted in the Negation
to see if the will act any thing Relative to Number Persons who are not Provided with arms or sufficient arms and ammunition Voted in the Negation

Moved & Seconded by the town that Ebenezer Wood shall Call in the money that is out standing in the Constables hands for the year 1774 and keep said money in his hands till other wise ordered by the Town Voted in the affirmative

Town of Middleborough to William Bennett Jr Dr to my Service as Town Treasurer from 13th 1776 to March 11th 1776 £ 2:0:0
Voted and allowed by the town to pay out of the treasury

The town of Middleborough to Wm Shaw Dr by 14 Day making Rates & I at 1/10 per Day £ 2 = 16 = 0
To Paper Voted and allowed to pay out of the treasury 0 = 1 = 8
2 = 17 = 4

The Town of Middleborough to Shubael Tinkham Dr to 4 Days making Rates & I at 1/10 per Day £ 0:16:0
Voted and allowed to pay out of the treasury

The town of Middleborough to me Dr for making Rates Eight Days at 1/10 per Day £ 1:12:0
Voted to allow and to Nathl Smith out town

October 15 1776 the town of Middleborough Dr to Ebenezer Sproutt for Expenses of the Vantage to sell the towns fish Voted by the town to allow out of the treasury £ 0:12:6

Voted by the town that Benjn Shaw make his Report to the officers Council his being over Rated said officers make Report to the town at the next Town meeting

The following hereafter Named Rates are permitted and allowed to be paid out of the town treasury by Vote of said town

In notes Thomas is Rate bills 1774

Permitted Perez Churchill 1/8 Ebenezer Noyes 1/8

David Simmons 1/8 Samuel Partridge 1/8

In Job Peirce Rate bills 1774 Samuel Niles 4/8 Joshua Sproutt 4/8

David Sears June 4/8 Joseph Tinkham 4/8

In John Peirce Rate bills 1774 James Tinkham 4/8

In Joseph Booth Rate bills 1774 Job Peirce 7/2

Eleazar Raymond 7/2 John Briggs 7/2

In Jacob Soules Rate bills 1774 Thomas Tinkham June 1/8

Benjm Darling 2 1/8

In Joseph Eaton Rate bills 1774

Permitted Thomas Eng 7/2

1776

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Given off
by order
of the
court
the 17th
to my self

Sitting men David Weston Benjamin Reed
Nathan Wood James Tomlin Hannahiah Parungton Nathan W
Hoy Reaney Nathan Truett Ebenezer Blackman
Abraham Vaughan John Knowlton David K
Sealer of Leather David Weston

Relatives to be going on
The Common or hope removed Ebenezer Elmer John Thomas

James Venn John Bennett Ebenezer Cobb Nathan Richmond
Ephraim Campbell

Surveyors of Lumber Stephen Hathaway Moses Brown
Capt William Tupper
LeWilliam Tomson

and then the moderator declared the meeting to be dissolved
at 1/2 about 12 o'clock

Given
Meeting

At a town Meeting held in Middleborough 24th June 1776

at said Meeting Voted to Choose a moderator by Votation

26 Voted and Chose Colonel Ebenezer Sprout Moderator of the

27 meeting the meeting to give instructions to the Representative

at said meeting Voted that all Legal Vot

be allowed to vote in said meeting in giving instructions

to their Representatives at Court

114 Voted by the town to give instructions to their Representatives

and to Choose a Committee of five Persons and to adjourn

for one hour meet at time and place above

mentioned the Report of the Committee are as follows

Which the town Unanimously accepted by Vote

at said meeting Voted that by the town

Not to add to the Number of Committee
of Inspection

1776

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Middleborough Bay: Middleborough 24th June 1776

at a Legal Meeting of this town it was agreed and Voted
to Send the following Instructions to Dear Benja Thomas
our Representative at Court

In the alarming Situation of affairs between Great
Britain and the United American Colonies renders it
In our opinion highly Necessary for all the People towns
and Societies of said Colonies to be as explicit and particular
in their declaring their Sentiments on Important Point
Especially that of Independence as possible

It is with Surprise and Deep Concern we have observed the
unrighteous cruel and Destructive System and Measures of
Administration adapted and Prosecuted by the British
Ministry Monarch and Parliament against these Colonies

and for no other Cause that we can discern but to gratify
their enormous Pride and avarice and to feed a swarm of
Idle useless and hungry Pensioners His Majesty has
Rejected with Disdain all the Remonstrances and humble
Petitions sent him from the Colonies both jointly and

Separately we have prayed for Peace but he has sent us a sword
we have asked for the Restoration of Charter Privileges
but he has sent us Debauch and crimes to Church and Ruin us
and to Crown the whole he has sent for Large Numbers
of foreign Troops to aid in executing his tyrannical purpose

These things considered we have no alternative left us but
Abject Submission to Arbitrary Power and Slavery or
vigorous Self-Defense we Deliberately choose the
Latter and therefore Relying on the mercy and Providence

of God to Pity our Miseries & to Plead our Cause we Direct
you to make open Declaration for us and on our Behalf
that in case the Continental Congress in whose
Wisdom and fidelity we firmly confide

shall think it for the Safety and Welfare of the United
Colonies to Declare them free and Independent of the
Power

Power Government & Authority of the King and Parliam^t of Great Britian and thereby open the way for a Republic or free State. Reserving to each Colony the Power and Priviledge of Governing themselves by Laws of their own Making Consistently with the Good of the Whole we Seriously Declare we will Support them in so Doing With our Lives and Fortunes.

Furthermore we Direct you to do all in your Power in Conjunction with the Rest of the Hon^{ble} Members of Lower For the Defense and Protection of our Sea Coast also to Use your Best Endeavours that Person or Persons who have High and ~~Low~~ Lucrative Places in the Executive Part of Government should have a Seat in the Legislative Part thereof and further if any measures are or shall be Proposed in Court for better Regulating the Prices of things General and of the Necessaries of Life in Particular the high Prices of Which affect the Poor and for keeping up the Just Credit of the Paper Currency we Direct you to do With and Promote such motion as to What further Concerns the Internal and Civil Regulation of the Colony we Advise you to Providence Moderation and Frugality always Reserving in ourselves a free Representation.

Then the moderator Decreed the meeting to be Adjourned
attest - Nath^l R. Wood Moderator
Abner Bennet Town Clerk

July
7th
Town
meeting

16th

26th

At a Town Meeting July the 7th 1776 held in the Easter Precinct Meeting house in middleborough at said meeting Voted and made Choice of Mr John Miller Moderator of said meeting and at said meeting acted on the following Business as imported in the warrant - (Viz)
Voted that all the Out Standing money Now in the (con)tables hands in the town of middleborough & owed for the Use of the Colony be forthwith Paid in to Henry Gardner Esq^r Colony Treasurer or his Successor in said office (See Next page)

of the year 1774: and Ebenezer Wood is ~~to be~~ by the town from receiving any of the ~~money~~ ^{money} (con)tables untill the year 1774 and Ebenezer Wood to Collect as soon as Possible the money that is in the (con)tables hand for the year the year 1774 and to Pay the same to Henry Gardner Esq^r Colony Treasurer or his Successor in said office with all the money that he has Collected Voted in the affirmative

and also this to Inform the (con)tables of the town of middleborough that have Not Paid their money that was assessed for them to Pay to the Province Treasurer in the year 1774 that the town Will Not Protect them No longer for Not Paying the same to Henry Gardner Esq^r Colony Treasurer or his Successor in said office Voted in the affirmative

and then Voted to adjourn said meeting till tomorrow or July 8th to ten o'clock in the fore Noon to at Times and Place and Samuel Ransom (con)table who is Confined to his home Need form to be hear Present and also Deace Cushman his Deputy to be hear Present Voted in the affirmative then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Adjourned to time and Place

at a town meeting July 9th by adjournment from July 8th at the Easter Precinct meeting house in middleborough 13 1776 the moderator took his Place at said meeting Voted to Dismiss Samuel Ransom (con)table for the year 1774 Voted and made Choice of Deace Cushman (con)table in the Room and stead of Samuel Ransom

and then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Adjourned
attest - Abner Bennet Town Clerk

at a Town Meeting held in midleborough in the Easterly
 Precinct on munday September the 30th 1776 for the
 choice of two men to serve on the ~~Grand~~ ^{Supior} Court
 of Plymouth to be holden at Plymouth on the
 twenty second of october Instant the said men to serve on
 the grand Jury of August and made choice of Mr Ebenezer Wood
 and Mr Benjamin Darling; and at said meeting to serve on
 the said Court (chose one man to serve on the Petit Jury
 by drawing out of the Superior box) ^{chose one man} ~~chose one man~~
 at Mr Ebenezer Wood's

at a town meeting held in midleborough in the in the
 Easterly Precinct meeting house in midleborough on munday
 September 30th 1776 for the choice of four men to serve
 on a Martine Court to be held at Plymouth to try the fapten
 of several Wapels said men to meet at the Court house in Plym
 on the first Tuesday of october at ten o'clock in the morning
 said Jury Wais chosen by drawing out of the Superior box
 (viz) Capt Robert Sproutt Capt Nehemiah Allen John Smith
 and Seth Sinkham at Mr Ebenezer Wood's

at a Town Meeting held in midleborough in the Easter
 Precinct Meeting house September 30th A.D 1776 and
 at said meeting acted on the following business as follows
 in the Warrant viz

1^{ly} Voted and made choice of Mr William Shaw Moderator
 2^{ly} Voted to Raise the sum of Sixty Pound on the Pools and
 Estates of the several Inhabitants of the town of midlebor
 for the Defraying the Charges arising in said town said men
 to be Paid the Next Tax or assessment & town Treasurer

3^{ly} Voted and ordered by the town that Mr William Shaw
 the sum of Twenty Four Pound of the Beltinge adders on
 their march

4^{ly} Voted by the town to Give their Representatives Instruction
 and also Voted and chose a Committee to Make a Report
 to the town said Committee Wais chosen by Nomination
 the Committee so Chosen Wais five Persons (viz)

- Mr John Miller
- Mr George Leonard
- Mr John Miller
- Capt Robert Sproutt
- Mr Ebenezer Wood
- Mr William Shaw

See that Page

Grand Jury

Attest

Jury men for the Martine Court

his town to raise £60

town Treasurer

Attest

Voted to Remitt to Benjamin Shaw the one half of the
 Tax of his Real Estate Ever since the year 1770 of the
 the same to be Paid by the town Treasurer

To the officers of the town of midleborough Gentlmen
 the Petition of Benjamin Shaw of the town of midlebor humbly
 sheweth that your Petitioner apprehends that he has been over
 Rated for a number of years Past not withstanding he has made
 application to the town for Relief but can obtain none
 therefore your humble Petitioner Prays your honours to take
 his case into your Wise Consideration and Grant him some
 Relief so that he may not only have a Respite
 for what he has suffered in times Past but bear no more
 than an Equal Taxation with the Rest of his fellow towns
 men or as in your Wisdom shall see meet as in Duty bound
 shall Ever Pray Benjamin Shaw

midleborough May 14th 1776

De the the Subscribers being Neighbours to the afore sd Benja
 Shaw are knowing to his Estate both Real and Personal and
 must be of opinion that he is over Rated as he has in possession
 but twelve acres of Land and that under no more than Common
 Improvement and has no more than two cows & 40 Swine which
 which is all that he had when the last Valuation was taken on
 his Real Estate his pole or poles which we are absolutely
 knowing to: Joshua White Paul Hathaway Joseph Leonard
 Zephariah Shaw Isaac Shaw Stephen Richmond

To the Town of midleborough Gentlemen
 in Compliance of the withered and Potitioner Diligent
 search has been made into the Produce of said Potitioner Real
 Estate and Evidently appears that whereas said Real Estate
 Now Stand, on the State bill by the last Valuation the
 sum of £ 47. 10. 0. it ought not to be but £ 23. 15. 0
 so that the afore said Potitioner has been taxed ever since
 the last Valuation which was in the year A.D 1770
 Double on his Real Estate his taxes on his Real Estate
 for the four last years are as followith

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1772 | £ 0 - 8 - 11 |
| 1773 | 0 - 9 - 11 |
| 1774 | 0 - 3 - 8 |
| 1775 | 0 - 25 - 10 |
| Sum total 1. 18. 4 | |

so that it appears that Mr Benjamin Shaw has Paid the
 sum of £ 0. 19. 2 Within these four years more than he
 ought to have Done Reference to the town Clerk's office
 or the Constable as for the other years

midleborough Sept^r 30 1776
 Voted and acted by the town
 William Charles } of 12
 William Shaw }
 Joseph Leonard }
 See first Page

Voted that Joseph Fane's Regal Estate be taxed
Voted to allow and Pay out of the town Expence the follow-
Rates that are Remitted (viz)

Rates
Remitted
to Joseph
Eaton

Expence Kites' Rate in Joseph Eaton bills for
the year 1776 - - - - - £0:7:2
Widow Rebecca King Rate Remitted in Joseph Eaton bills
0:7:2
Abner Shaw Rate Remitted in Joseph Eaton bills
0:7:2

Rates
Remitted
to Moses
Thomas

William Morison's Rate Remitted in Moses Thomas' bills
for the year 1774 - - - - - 0:1:1
Crispus Shaw's Rate Remitted in Moses Thomas' bills
0:1:1

Voted to adjourn the town Meeting after the Sail of the
above fishery to Monday the 7th Day of October to the
Three o'clock in the afternoon to the Elderly Precinct
meeting house in Middleborough to hear the Report of the
Committee (Chosen by the town to give instructions
to the Representatives)

Voted and made Choice of Willm Kapley Vandue Master
for the Sail of the fish

Voted to adjourn immediately to the house of Le^t John Weston
for the Sail of the fish (called above) this town accordingly
met at Dr Westons and of a Publick Notice had been given of
of the Various M^o ~~the~~ all the former Laws to be
observed in Taking and in the Sail of said fish the fish to be
taken at ~~the~~ or Near the Siting mill in Middleborough
as usual and at the time of Sail M^r Jonathan Woods appeared
to be the highest bidder with the sum of one hundred
fourteen Pound thirteen Shillings and ~~and~~ Pence
and the town Declared the taking and Expence of said
fish belonged to the said Jonathan Woods and the town by
Vote accepted of M^r Silas Wood & M^r Nathl^l Campes
as sureties for the Payment of the above said sum -
and the said Jonathan Woods & Silas Wood & Nathl^l Campes
personally appeared and gave their Note of hand to the town
for the Payment of £7:6:8 to be Paid the first Day hereafter
it being the one half of the above sum

The other half they gave their Note of hand to be Paid
to the town the sum of which is £7:6:8 to be Paid the first
Day of September Next

The town meeting Monday morning to Monday the 7th of October
at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Elderly Precinct meeting
house in said town

Attest Abner Connor Town Clerk

designed
said to
Jonathan
Woods
1776
11/4/3/4

at a town meeting held in the Elderly Precinct Meeting house
in Middleborough September 30th 1776
and at said meeting Voted to adjourn to Monday the 7th of
October Next to hear the Report of the Committee said
meeting stood adjourned to three o'clock in the afternoon to
said house in said town
and by said adjournment the town met at Times and Places
on October 7th 1776 after the Warrant being Read the
Moderator took his Place and acted on the following business
to hear the Report of the Committee which is as follows (viz)

Massachusetts Bay Middleborough octo^r 7th 1776

at a Legal Meeting of this Town to Declare our Minds on
a Resolve Passed in the house of Representatives Sept^r 17th last
and give Instructions to our Representatives if we see Cause Rel^l
to State affairs we say as follows

1st Considering that the mode of Government already adapted may
answer the Exigencies of the State for the time being (considering
also the Publick Troubles and Distresses we are under (which must be
great Impediment to such a calm Deliberate & extensive attention
as is needful in order Place a new form of Government) we
humbly move, Whether it is not best to Postpone this weighty affair
to some after Date of Time

We highly approve the Conduct of the Hon^{ble} House in Making
Application to the People of this State for their opinion on this
weighty matter and should have been glad to hear that their
Hon^{ble} Council had been admitted and joined the Nation

As to the leading Question in the Resolve we say if the
major Part of the People of this State are for Having a form of
Government forthwith we readily fall in; and further more we have no
Objection to the Present hon^{ble} Council and hon^{ble} House consulting
and agreeing among themselves upon such a Constitution and
form of Government as they judge most conducive to the Safety
Peace and Happiness of this State. This however we should not consent
to were it not for the Liberty we have to Peruse the Plan before
it is Enacted or Established as a Code of Law for the State because
till we see it we shall not know but Plan may be very offensive
as to offensive as to be capable of admitting the same Part to

a Place in the Legislative judiciary and executive Departments
which we shall oppose to the utmost of our Capacity as well
as some other things that have been Practised for great many years
but the readily Submit to the major Voice of the People yet we think
it would be rather Preferable to select a body of men from each
County

From Next Paper

Whose sales business it should be struck out or Plan as to
Constitution Subject to the Correction, the Approbation or Disapprobation
both of the Court and People

We are deeply sensible we cannot do well without God's blessing
and in case the present Council & house Proceed forthwith the
Business (as it is a most weighty affair and will require great
Wisdom Attention and application) we hope and pray they may
be assisted by the almighty Ruler of the World, and Directed to do
an Equal Good and Righteous Plan of Government as shall be most
for the Safety and Happiness of the State now and thro' all succeeding
Generations.

The following Instructions are given to our Representatives
Deacon Benjamin Thoms.

It is our Duty you to let it be known (as our Opinion is)
the legislative body of this State ought to consist of three
Branches, a President a Council & House of Representatives

The President to stand not exceeding one year and to be clothed
with authority as best tends to the Dispatch of Publick Business
and the Good of the State in General

The Council to consist of 30 or 33 Members & stand one year.
Two of the members shall be chosen out of each County and by
the Inhabitants of said County
(Except two of the Counties that are smallest or fewest in Number
and State they shall choose each of them one) the Remaining Nine
shall be chosen by the Representatives when met

The House of Representatives shall be chosen by the joint Voice of the
People, and let Particular Care be taken for an equal Representation
the State that such towns or Districts as are small may have the
Liberty of joining with a neighbouring Society in the above
said Choice

Furthermore we Direct you strenuously to insist that no one Person
(a Common justice of the Peace excepted) shall be capable
of holding the Place or office of Legislator & Judge at the same time
and as it is altogether Unreasonable for any select Body of men in a
Community to have the exclusive Power of Voting their own Salary or
Money from the Community into their own Pockets. We think it Proper

That a Committee, composed of one Member from each County shall
member to be chosen by his respective County fix the Reward of all
Salaries and Donations we Direct you to make an Endeavour to
supply this as well as the other articles
also that you make a motion to have the Courts of Justice & Trans
for a short time from acting on any Cases except Criminal ones
as it will tend to quiet the Anger out the Peace and Harmony of the People
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for the rest we only advise you to join with the honorable House in all their
proposals which tend to the Safety and Welfare of the State

aid Rep
Voted and
passed by the
Committee

For the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
Pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the
State of Massachusetts Bay in the year of our Lord 1777
to prevent Monopoly and oppression it is hereby Enacted
By the Select men and Committee of said Middleborough
That from and after the 2th Day of February 1777
that the Goods Labour and Every Necessary and convenient
article of Life herein after particularly enumerated
or otherwise included shall not in said town of Middleborough
Exceed the Price herein after particularly Enumerated
or otherwise Proportioned to said Goods and articles mentioned
or included

Common Farming Labour in the Summer Season
From the middle of April to the middle of October at 2^d a
Day Common Labour From the middle of October to the middle
of April at 1 a Day mowing and Reaping at 3^d 4 a Day
Good Indian Corn at 3-4 a bushel Good Merchantable Wheat
at 6-4 a Bushel Good Merchantable Rye at 4-2 a bushel
Good Merchantable Sheeps wool at 2 a Pound Good merchant
able Flax at 1 a Pound Good Beef at 2 3/4 a Pound Good
Fresh pork at 4^d and Salt pork in proportion according
to its Goodness and the Price of Salt Raw hides at 3 a and calf
skins at 2 a Good Cheep at 6 a Good Butter at 10 a quartals
at 1-4 a Bushel Small Turnips at 1-2 a bushel mens
Best yarn Stockings at 5-4 a pair and in proportion
for a ~~Leather~~ ^{Leather} Meaner Quality Mens Shoes
made of neat Leather of the Best Common Sort at 8 a pair
and so in proportion for a Leper or meaner Quality Sattled
Beef at 3-12 a Barrel oats at 1-8 a Bushel Good
tried tallow at 7 1/2 a good yard wide tow cloth at 2 a yard
and so in proportion for other tow or Linen cloth according
to its width and quality Good yard wide flannel cloth at 3-4 a
yard and other flannel or wollen cloth in proportion
according to its width and quality good oak Wood
Delivered at the Door of the Buyer at 4 a Cord
tanned hide at 1 3/4 a and Curd Leather in usual proportion
according to the Price of oil Bone Spun yarden Cotton and
Linnen Cloth at 3-4 a yard and other usual and Qualities in
Proportion See Next Page

Mutton & Lamb at 3: 1/2 & Veal at 2: 3/4
 Horse Keeping or one yoke of oxen one night or 24 hours
 with English Hay: 1: 2 - Good English hay from the meadows at
 £ = 0 = 0 a Load and in Winter or Spring at 2: 10: 0 a Load
 and so in in Proportion for a meaner Quality or Sort of Hay
 Teaming Work one yoke of oxen one Day Equal to a man
 in Common Labour and a Horse one Day Two thirds so much
 as a yoke of oxen Excepting in plowing alone and then Equal
 to oxen: Horse hire at 2 1/2 a mile for a single man and
 to Carry Double in proportion with in the Winter
 Season at 2: a quart Charcoal at 10: a Load or one third
 Part of a 100 of Good Bloom Iron: Nail Rods at £: 5: 0 a 100
 allowing an addition sufficient for the Extraordinary
 Price of Coal Common Good White pine or pitch pine
 Merchantable Bords at 2 1/2: 0 a 1000 and so in proportion
 for other Qualities and Sorts: Common Good Board Nails
 and all other Sorts and Sizes of Nails at a price in
 Proportion to the price of Nail Rods Now Equal to what was
 nails and nail Rods were in the former usual proportion
 oak Bark for Tanners at 13: 4 a Cord Delivered to the Tannery
 Hemlock Bark in proportion according to usual Custom
 a Good Dinner at a Tavern 1: 3 and Supper or Breakfast at
 3: 6 and Lodging at 3 1/2 for eight Good Beds at the week at
 1: 6 a Barrel and at other times at 8: a Barrel Dried
 off Shoe Making at home at 3: a pair from men or women
 Shoes or Pumps and so in proportion for smaller Shoes or
 Pumps and Shoe Making abroad at two thirds the Price
 of that at home to be proportioned as above Linen foot Whet
 at 13: 4 a Pair Clover Seed at 3: 1/2 a Hard Grass Seed at
 1: 2 a Quart: Shoeing a Horse with plain Shoes all Round
 at 4: 4: 1/2 and so in Like proportion for Steel Cobs
 Considering the Price of Steel and all other Black Smith
 Work in proportion to the above Said Shoeing Comparing
 The Same with former Smithwork and the former price
 of Plain Shoeing all Round at 3-4 milings & maffers
 Work at 4 a Day men Tailors Work abroad at 9: a day
 See next page

Carpenters Joiners and other Grinders and other trades
 Men not above mentioned at 3: 4 a Day and the
 Home Labour of mechanics and Trades men such
 as wheels plows yokes carts Bedsteads Chain and all
 other necessaries for Common Use not above mentioned
 are set at a price in proportion to farming Labour
 Comparing the former Price Price of each Article
 With the former price of farming Labour and all other
 Articles of Trade not above mentioned Common or
 Necessary among us not to be Sold at a Greater Price
 than in proportion with the present Price of the
 Articles above mentioned Comparing the former
 Price of said articles of Trade with the former price
 of the said articles where to a Price is Now Set

Given at said Middleborough February 20: 1777
 Wishing Love and Unity Peace and Plenty Fortitude
 Strength and Victory to be the Constant Portion
 of all the Genuine Friends to America

attest Jedee Sprout By order of
 said Select
 men and
 Committee

attest Abner Barrows Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting
 house in Middleborough on March 3: 1777
 to act on such articles as mentioned in the Warrant (the)
 Voted and made Choice of Major John Nelson Moderator
 to see if the town will come into some suitable measures for the
 Encouragement of men to enlist into the Service Voted to act
 Nothing on the above said article
 to see if the town will Divide the southerly Constable
 District in said town Voted in the affirmative
 and then the moderator Declared the meeting to be
 dissolved attest Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Grand
Juror
Tolson
1777
Clerk

at a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct on
Meeting House in Middleborough on March 10th at 10 o'clock
in the fore noon A.D. 1777 For Two Good and Lawfull men
To Serve on the Grand Jury at the Inferiour Court to be
Held at Plymouth the second Tuesday of April Next and other
Courts of the Sessions the year ensuing the Persons so chosen
are Mr Caleb Tompson & Mr Ezra Clark to appear at Court house
at ten o'clock in the fore noon the first day of the sitting of said Court
then the Constable Delaide a meeting to be Adjourned

Annual
Town
meeting
March
10th
1777

At a town meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting
House in Middleborough on March the 10th A.D. 1777
Being Tuly Varned and Regularly Assembled for the choice
of Town officers and other Business as inserted in the warrant
For said meeting the following Persons were chosen to serve
the Respective offices hereafter named (Viz)
Voted and made choice of Mr William Shas Moderator
Voted in Abner Barrow Town Clerk

on a motion made and seconded Whether there shall be
five Select men or more Voted to Choose five & no more
the five Person so chosen are

16
Capt Nathaniel Wood
Mr Nathaniel Tompson
Mr William Harlow
Leet Abner Kingman
Mr Amos Nelson

23
Then the town by Vote made choice of five Persons to
to Serve as a Committee of Inspection or Safety (Viz)

Mr Caleb Tompson
Mr Zedee Sprout
Mr John Miller
Mr John Alden
Deacon James Shas

Then the town by Vote Adjourned the Meeting to this day
or the twenty fourth day of March Instant to ten o'clock
in the fore noon then the moderator Declaid the meeting
to be adjourned to both time and place
attest Abner Barrow Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct on
Meeting house in Middleborough on March 2th 1777
by Adjournment from March 10th the town met at
Time and Place the Moderator then took his Place and acted
on the following Business (Viz)

14
Voted to Choose five men to be our Leas of the Poor
Voted to Reconsider the above Vote of five men our Leas of a
Voted to excuse Mr William Harlow & Nathaniel Tompson
for serving as Select men who was chosen 10th day of
14
Chose Major John Nelson } Select men in the Roman
Mr Isaac Tompson } and Head of above 10 men

54
William Soule
Robert Stroudridge
Theophelus Croker
George Shaw
Ezra Clark Juner
Semion Sheirman

William Bennett } Town Treasurer

14
Leet William Tompson
John Smithy
John Eaton
Ephraim Hackett
Nathaniel Shaw
Caleb Wood

14
The town then by Vote made choice of the following
Persons to serve Surveyors of highways (Viz)
Seth Miller Samuel Bider John Soule James Sinkham
Joseph Bumpson Stephen Robinson Seth Eaton
David Weston Capt Rob Pierce Lt Andrew the Pulley Abraham
Lufes Richmond Nathan Darling Lt Elisha Hackett
Phineas Stone Samuel Barrow William Angood
Isaac Millin Ezra Hackett Capt Charles E. George Tompson
George Caleb Bunker or William Bennett

Voted to excuse
Mr John Alden
from serving as
a Committee of
Inspection
Voted to Reconsider
the Vote Relative
to the Choice of the
Committee who
Vair chosen on
March 10th 1777

Constables

Wardens

Phenias Pratt
Zephaniah Briggs
Edmond Wood
Nicomé Boudin
Moses Thomas

Tithing men

William Shaw
George Leonard
Lemuel Jackson
Samuel Nelson
Zadach Leonard
Abner

John Briggs
Barnabas Samson
David Bates
John Keikard
Abraham Vaughan

Wage Keepers

David Weston } Dealer of Leather

Daniel Jacket } Horse Keepers
Ebenezer Elmer

Zachariah Weston } Fence-keepers
Ebenezer Pratt
Elijah Reed
Noah Pherry

Stephen Hathaway } Surveyors of Land
Moses Thomas
Capt William Tappan
Lieut William Tompson

Voted to allow the Swine to graze at Large yoked and Run

Voted to Dismiss Mr John Miller from being one of the Committee of Inspection

Voted by the town to Choose a Committee by Reason of the Whole being Dismissed the Person so Chosen are

Mr Caleb Tomlinson } Committee of Inspection
Mr Zebulon Smith
Mr John Miller
Mr John Alden
James James Shaw

Voted by the town to Choose a Committee of three Persons to take care that the fish called alewives have a free Passage up and down the River the Persons so Chosen are John Bates Weston Joseph Carden & (informer to be added)

Voted by the town to Choose a Committee of two Persons to take care that the fish called alewives have a free Passage in agreement to both the Persons Chosen are Zephaniah Briggs and Ebenezer Briggs

Voted by the town to take the fish called alewives at Assewampsett Brook at Nathaniel Smiths house two Days in each Week (viz) on Monday and Tuesday and no more.

Pursuant to the Request we have Viewed the Ground and made the alterations and they are as followeth (viz) Beginning at the Dividing Line Between Ezra Harlow & Samuel Curventon & by a Red ash Sapling Standing on the Southerly Side of the Road and from thence a line to Harlow Land untill it comes to the Road Leading from William Harlow to Fall Brook and from thence on a straight Line untill it comes to the Road where it is now led towards the alteration of the Road by Ebenezer Thomas house is as followeth (viz) Keeping the Road that Leads to Israel Smiths untill it comes to a Red ash Sapling Standing near D Thomas's house and for D Road to be on the Southerly Side of said Sapling and from thence a Cross said Thomas Land till it comes to the Road where it is now led Leading to the River Bridge

Accepted by the town Middleborough March 22. 1777

Voted to allow and pay out of the town money Nathaniel Samson to William Shaw for making Rates for the year 1776 Eight Shillings

The town of Middleborough to Zadach Leonard for making Rates five Shillings and a half at 4/6 Day

The town of Middleborough to George Leonard for making Rates five Shillings and a half at 4/6 Day

The town of Middleborough to William Harlow for making Rates five Shillings and a half at 4/6 Day

The town of Middleborough to William Bennett for making Rates five Shillings and a half at 4/6 Day

Voted to adjourn the meeting of said town to the 1st of May 1777

The attestation of the People of the town of Middleborough

May 13 1777
Grand Jurors
Mr Zephaniah Briggs
Mr Ebenezer Briggs
Mr John Bates
Mr John Keikard
Mr John Alden
Mr James Shaw
for the Court

These Presents May Certify to all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough that on the 24th Day of March - 1777 the Select men and Committee of Safety &c of said Town did Pass a Vote to allow the Prices of several articles as also the Price of Carpenters and Joiners Days Works and the Price of Farming Labour in the Summer Season from what said articles Labour and Days works were set at in an act of said Select men and Committee Given the 24th Day of February 1777 the Alterations of Prices are as follows (Viz)

Good Indian Corn at: 3 = 10 a Bushel Good Rye at 4 = 9 a Bushel Oats and Small Turnips at: 1 = 11 a Bushel Cask: Charcoal at: 12 = 0 a Load Good English Hay from the meadow at: 2 = 5 = 0 a Load and in the Winter or Spring at: 2 = 15 = 0 a Load and other Qualities and Sorts in Proportion Carpenters and Joiners to have: 3 = 10 a Day for their Work Common Farming Labour in the Summer Season from the middle of April to the middle of October at: 2 = 8 a Day

Given at said Middleborough By order and in Behalf of said Select and Committee
Attest Zebedee Sprout

at a town Meeting held at the Meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday May 13th 1777 and Mr Ephraim Wood and Lt Ichabod Wood were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Lt Jonah Washburn was appointed by Drawing out of the Box as the Law Direct to serve on the Jury of Trial at the Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Plymouth within and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house on Monday May 10th AD 1777

For the Choice of a Representative or Representatives and at said Meeting Voted to send two Representatives to the Great and General Court or assembly to be held for or kept for the Colony Service at the State house in Boston on Wednesday the twenty Eighth Day of May Instant and so During the Session and Sessions of said Court for the year ensuing The Persons so Chosen are Deacon Benjamin Thomas and Mr Nathaniel Sampson

Voted by the Town that the Present House of Representatives Form a Constitution of Laws as best Sutes the State

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and at said meeting Voted to remit the Rates of the before named and pay out of the town Treasury

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Israel Holmes Rate 7/2 John May Rate 7/2; Rauben Murchison Rate 7/2; Gersham Sampson Rate 3/2 Ebenezer Elmes one Third Part of his Racial Tax Remitted for two year past Ebenezer Elmes Rate 11/2

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Joshua Cogwell Jurer Rate 7th in Honor Nelsonville 1777
 Elijah Hackett Jurer 7th in the Widow Anna Dantons
 Rate 4th - - -

Abner
Nelson
Constable

Due
Sprout
18th

The town of Middleborough to Zebadiah Sprout Jr for
 his service in all the Rittings relative to the regulating
 act the sum of 18th - - -
 at said meeting a Petition of Elijah Thomas and others
 concerning the moving of a road from where it is now
 held Voted in the Negatives and then the Moderator
 Declined the Meeting to be Disposed
 attest - - - Abner Nelson Town Clerk

Jury men
for bridge
June 16
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At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting
 House in Middleborough June 16 AD 1777 For the (chose) fine
 Good and Lawful men to serve on the Jury of Trial at a Court
 of General Sessions of the Peace (specially) appointed to be held
 at the South Meeting house in Bridgewater on Tuesday the thirtieth
 day of June instant at nine o'clock the forenoon for the trial of a
 number of Persons charged with being inimically disposed towards this
 and the other United States of America the Persons so chosen were
 Drown out of the Box of the Superior Court as the Law directs
 The Persons so chosen are Capt Abial Rine Israel Thomas
 Lt James Smith Ichabod Morton Edmond Wood

Jury men
for Halifax

at said Meeting moved and Seconded whether the town provide
 in the choice of Jurymen for the town of Halifax according to the
 Writ laid in the affirmative, and Good and Lawful men were
 chosen by Drowning out of the Superior Box to serve as Jurymen
 at the meeting house in Halifax on the eighth day of July
 next The Persons so chosen are Ephraim Wood
 Capt Samuel Smith Job Macomber Ensign Charles El
 Abner Nelson Town Clerk

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting
 House in Middleborough on the 17th day of June 1777 and at
 said Meeting acted on the following Business as Inserted in
 the Warrant
 Chose Mr John Miller Moderator of said Meeting
 Voted by the town to Chose seven Men as a Committee
 agreeable to an Additional act to an act made to prevent
 monopoly and oppression who shall be under oath
 to see that the said act shall be put in full force - - -

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Voted by said town to Chose one man of said town
 in each Parish in said town excepting the East Parish and
 and that to Chose two of said Committee the said Committee
 were Chosen by Writ of Writs

Committee

The Committee are Jacob Tompson Jurer William (Fisher)
 Thomas Parish Capt Deane Wood Mr Head with Isaac Perkins
 Mr Bakers Parish Joseph Leonard Dr. hind North Henry Hens
 Mr Hunts Parish Deane James Shaw

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the town then by Vote made Choice of Zebadiah Sprout to be
 their agent to Procure and Lay Before the Court the Evidence
 that may be had of the inimical Dispositions towards this or
 any of the United States of any Inhabitant of this town - - -

James
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before

be the select men of this town of Middleborough do Represent
 the following Inhabitants of this town as Persons inimically
 disposed in the present struggle with great Britain (viz)
 Zebulon Leonard William Shewbridge Larned Ransom and
 Jameson Doggett each Person being called and the Vote
 taken whether they were Enimically disposed or not
 Passed in the affirmative and at said Meeting moved a by
 Isaac Perkins and Seconded by Joseph Leonard that
 Stephen Rushmore is Enimically disposed towards the
 United States the Vote being pulled
 Passed in the affirmative that he is Enimically disposed
 and his Name was then Entered to the select mens List

at said Meeting Voted by the town that the Committee of Safety
 of this town send to the Committee of Safety of Boston the Copy of a letter
 sent to the select men of Middleborough by Sally Franks of Boston which
 letter was Publicly Read in said Meeting
 by a Petition Exhibited to the town by Lt John Mordack and others
 to build a Dam a Rope Works at River near Lt James Nelson
 to set up a Mill or Mills Voted in the Negative

Voted by the town that the town Treasurer call in the money
 forthwith that is due to the town from the Constables and others
 to enable him to Pay the Demands of said town then
 the Moderator Declined this Meeting to be Disposed
 attest - - - Abner Nelson Town Clerk

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At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday July 28th A.D. 1777

to act on such Business as inserted in the Warrant

1^{ly} Voted and Made Choice of Capt William Shaw Moderator
2^{ly} on a motion moved and seconded whether they will act on the Warrant or not Voted in the affirmative

3^{ly} To see if the town will approve or Disapprove of the Complaint Exhibited against a Number of Persons Supposed to be Criminal to the American State which Complaint is as follows

To Daniel Johnson Esq^r and Benjamin Vilis Esq^r two of of the Justices of the Peace of the County of Plymouth Quorum
Gentlemen the Complaint of us the Subscribers to your Honours humbly sheweth that we suspect and do verily think that the Persons whose names are herein after inserted are evilly disposed towards this and the other United States of America therefore we earnestly Pray your honours to make and provide for that Purpose: William Condy John Howland John Montgomery James Keith Thomas Paddock John Clark
Middleboro July 18th 1777 James Wood Job Pierce John Barrow Andrew McCully Josiah Herdson

At said meeting the town after Examining in the case of the above said Persons four of the above said Persons gave Satisfaction to the town and the town by Vote acquitted the said Persons Viz John Howland Josiah Vaughan James Keith Thomas Paddock

and at said meeting the town after Examining in the case of the Persons here after named Received as Satisfaction from them but suppose they are Criminal (Viz) William Condy John Montgomery James Keith John Clark Voted that they be brought to Trial by a Court for that Purpose

on a motion moved and seconded to know whether they would act any more on the warrant or Not Voted in the affirmative

Voted to adjourn said meeting to the first munday of September to one o'clock in the afternoon to the same said meeting house in said town

Test

Abner Barrow Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the first Day of September by Adjournment from July 28th 1777

at said meeting the Moderator took his Place and after the Warrant being read a Motion being made and seconded to know whether the town Reluctant to Capt William Condy Passed in the affirmative and after said Condy has made his Defense the town by Vote reconsidered the Vote of his being Inmortal by a majority of Nine Voters Not Withstanding a Number of Persons being Dissatisfied that they did not understand when the above said Vote was called the Votes being called again and by Reason of a Number of Persons that Insisted to vote that were not Voters it made the meeting illegal and the town by Vote Dismissed said meeting on that account the Moderator accordingly Declined the meeting to be Dismissed

Abner Barrow Town Clerk

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday October 13th 1777

To act on such Business as inserted in the Warrant (Viz)

1^{ly} Chose Lt Abner Kingman Moderator
Voted to Adjourn said Meeting four Weeks or to the second munday of November Next at 10 o'clock in the fore Noone to said meeting house in said town the Moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned

Abner Barrow Town Clerk

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday October 13th A.D. 1777 at said meeting being moved and seconded to Chuse a Moderator by Nominations (Chose Lt Abner Kingman Moderator)

1^{ly} Voted and Made Choice of Ebenezer Wood as an agent or assistant with action brought by a Petition by Seth Williams of Tanton against said Ripley
2^{ly} Voted to allow to Mr. Ripley fifteen Pounds out of the town Treasury to Enable him to carry on said action he being accountable to the town for the same

3^{ly} Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Examine the accounts of Mr. Ebenezer Wood who was Chosen a Receiver General for the Town of Middleborough in the year 1774

Chose Benjamin Darling Committee
Mr. John Milten
Mr. William Bennett

Voted that said Committee make a Report to the town at the fall meeting and Voted to adjourn said meeting to the fall meeting to be holden at the Place above said in said town to one o'clock in the afternoon at said day Test

Abner Barrow Town Clerk

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At a town meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on the tenth day of November A.D. 1777
 at said meeting Chose ^{for} ~~the~~ Jacob Tompson Town Moderator
 at said meeting Voted ^{to} act on the Warrant
 Voted to hear the Petition of ^{the} ~~the~~ Zachariah Eddy and others
 Relative to an act of the General Court of this State for Draining in
 this State money
 Voted to Chose a Committee of three Persons (Viz)
 Mr Isaac Soule
 Mr Silas Wood
 Mr Zebedee Sprout
 and said Committee to Make a Report to the town then Voted
 to adjourn to Monday the seventeenth day of November instant
 to three o'clock after noon to said meeting house in said town
 said Committee then to Make Report to said town

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on the tenth day of November A.D. 1777
 at said meeting the Moderator took his Place and then
 the acted on the following business (Viz)
 after the Petition being read to the town the town by Vote
 accepted of said Petition and Voted that Mr Zebedee Sprout
 should take the said Petition a New one exactly to the
 original to send to the General Court. Then Voted that
 Bacon Benjamin Thomas Cory said Petition to Court
 then the Moderator declared the meeting to be dissolved
 at the above town (Viz)

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the second day of December A.D. 1777
 at said meeting Voted to Chose a Moderator by Nomination
 Mr William Shaw Moderator
 Voted to act on the warrant: and at said meeting Voted
 to hear a Petition from the assessor of Middleborough Relative
 to a Lot of land sent from the State and General Court of this
 State in which said tax and the Duty of the assessor being
 to assess and intimate that the said assessor do desire the
 decisions of the town and also on addition to the said Number
 at said meeting Voted to Chose seven men assistants to
 the assessor in order to take a valuation Relative to said act
 the said assistants Voted to do anything about making said tax
 the assistants are as follows (Viz)
 Joshua White with Zadock Leonard
 Capt Isaac Webb with George Leonard
 Thomas Alden with Samuel Nelson
 William Balow and George Shaw with Samuel Jackson
 Isaac Tompson and Benjamin Patter with William Shaw
 then the Moderator declared the meeting to be dissolved
 at the

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the twenty sixth day of December A.D. 1777
 At said Meeting Voted and Chose Mr John Miller Moderator
 At said Meeting Chose Nathaniel Wilde Constable
 in the room and stead of Mr William Soule Deceased
 who was Chosen last March

To See if will admit of an amendment to be
 Corpse on in this town Voted not to act on the same
 and third articles of the Warren Relative to the same
 To See if the town will approve or disapprove of the
 Measures taken in carrying Simon Duggitt's Land
 Ran from out of the town Voted not to act anything
 Relative to said articles in the Warrant and then
 the Moderator declared the Meeting to be dissolved
 at the

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the first day of January A.D. 1778 at said Meeting after the Warrant being read Voted to Chose a Moderator by A Nomination and Chose Mr William Shaw Moderator
 To See if the town will Vote to raise any Part of all of this towns Proportion of money to make this State money agreeable on act of the Great and General Court of this State Voted in the Negative
 Chose Mr Edmund Wood a Committee in room and stead of Capt Nathaniel Wood who is going in the service of War
 Chose Mr John Alden a Committee who proposed to have the town by Vote to raise said Alden and Chose
 Lt Zadock Leonard in room and stead of Lt Abner Shingman who is going in the service of War
 Voted that the town supersede the sum of Two Hundred Pounds for the Use of the Committee
 to enable them to procure necessary for the families of the soldiers in the Continental service
 then the Moderator declared the meeting to be dissolved
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At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct
Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Second Day
of February A.D. 1778

At said Meeting Choise M^r William Shaw Moderator
to see if the town will approve or disapprove of the Plan and
Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union betw^{en}
the States of New Hampshire Massachusetts Bay Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations: Connecticut New York New Jersey
Pennsylvania Delaware Maryland Virginia North Carolina
South Carolina and Georgia

Voted to approve of said articles of Confederation and Union
on a Motion moved and seconded to see if the town will
reconsider the above vote and the Question being put
the vote passed in the affirmative that the above said vote be
reconsidered and then voted to choose a Committee of nine
Men (viz) M^r John Miller Lt James Smith Major John Nelson
M^r William Harlow Dea or James Shaw M^r Moses Nelson M^r Isaac
Sibley Lt Andrew McCalley Ensign Tobias Sprout
and then Voted to Adjourn said meeting to Monday Next
to one o'clock in the afternoon to the above said meeting
house in said town and said Committee to make Report to the town
at said meeting and then the Moderator declared the meeting to be
Adjourned.

At a Town Meeting Held in Easterly Precinct meeting
house in Middleborough on Monday the Ninth Day of
February A.D. 1778. By Adjournment at said meeting
after the moderator took his Place and acted on the following
Business (viz) to hear the Report of their Committee
Which is as follows

To the Representatives of the Town of Middleborough
for the Massachusetts Bay State Gentlemen
We the Subscribers being appointed by said town to
consult on the articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union
between the several States on this Continent and to inform
you by way of Direction from said town with our opinion
thereon. Which is as follows (viz) That the said articles are
just and Equitable
Except the Seventh Eighth and Part of the Ninth
Which we do not at present see to be consistent with
Liberty and Privileges as we are Justly Contending
for - as to the 7th article we think that all officers
included in said 7th article ought otherwise
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To be Chosen and appointed The Company or
Companions that are to be immediately under their Command
and in regard to the Eighth article we think that all
the Charges of War Incurred for the Common Defense
ought to be Proportioned and Levied on all Estates
Without Exception according to the usual Customs and
Practice in this State for Raising Money to Defray the
Publick Charges of any Kind for said State &c
And the Ninth article we object against that
Part of it Which is similar to the Seventh article and
say that the Legislators ought not to appoint officers
and Lieutenants in said Ninth article that the said officers
ought not to be clothed at the Publick Expence as
these mentioned as in our opinion or they otherwise
handsomely Provided for

after the above said Report being
Read in said Meeting the town
by Votes accepted
from the moderator
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At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct
Meeting House in Middleborough on March 4th A.D. 1778
Being Doley Vornes and Reaguarding Applicable to said
such Business as inserted in the Vornant for the (Charges of town
officers and other Business as inserted in said Vornant (P.D.)
M^r William Shaw Moderator

Abner Barrows } Town Clerk
Capt Nathaniel Wood } Select
M^r Isaac Tompson } Men
Lieut Abner Kingman }
Maj John Nelson }
Dea Amos Scham }
M^r William Pennell } Town Treasurer
Jeth Tinkham }
Joseph Leonard } Constables
Nathaniel Vaughan }
Capt Isaac Wood }
John Vaughan }
Roger Wash }
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agreed Voted to Chuse a Committee of Seven Persons to take
 care of the Families of the Soldiers that are in the
 Continental Service and that said Committee Take out
 out Provisions to the families of the Soldiers ~~and~~
 agreeable to a formenact of this town
 said Committee are as follows (Viz)

Edmond Wood Edward Shairman Lt Zedack Leonard Francisson
 George Leonard Isaac Peirce Lt Lebed Wood

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Examine the former Committee
 that dealt out Provisions to the families of the Soldiers said
 Committee to be Thomas Parsons (Viz)
 Ensign Jacob Tompson M^r William Shaw & Lemuel Jackson

Voted to Pay out of the Town Treasury the Remittance of
 Rates hereafter named

Amos Wood Rate Remitted 1/2 in Lemuel Jackson
 Joseph Wood Rate Remitted 1/2 Bills for the year 1777
 John M^r Farling Rate Remitted 1/2
 Joseph Estont Rate Remitted 1/2 in Joseph Estons bills for the
 year 1774
 Nathan Warren Rate Remitted 1/2 in Jonah Washbourn bills for
 the year 1777

Voted that the Committee who are Chosen to Examine the
 accounts of the former Committee make report to the town at the
 May meeting for a Representative in May Next

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the May meeting for a
 Representative to two o'clock in the afternoon
 then the Moderator Declared this meeting to be adjourned to time
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at a town meeting held in the Eastly Precinct Meeting house in
 Middleborough on the 23^d of March A.D. 1778
 for to Chuse two good and Lawful Men to Serve on the 1st
 Jury at the Inferior Court to be holden at Plymouth the second
 Tuesday of April Next and other Court of the Superior of the year
 ensuing the Persons so Chosen are M^r Caleb Tompson and M^r
 Ezra Clark to appear at the Court house in Plymouth on the first
 Day of the Court sitting at ten o'clock in the morning

and also to Chuse two good and Lawful Men to Serve on the
 Petit Jury at the Inferior Court to be holden at Plymouth
 on the second Day of April Next the Men so Chosen are
 Grown out of the Boxes the Lord Denies the Person so Chosen
 are Ebenezer Willard Caleb Wood to meet at the Court house
 in Plymouth on the second Day of the Court sitting at ten o'clock
 in the forenoon then the Confable Declared the matter settled

At a town Meeting held in the Eastly Precinct Meeting
 house in Middleborough on the 23^d of March A.D. 1778
 at said Meeting Chose M^r William Shaw Moderator
 to hear the Request of Lt Nelson Fenney and others holding
 to Raising Soldiers for the army on the town's part on a motion
 being moved and seconded to see if the town will act on said article
 Voted in this Negitive at said Meeting it being moved and seconded
 to see if the town will Chuse a Committee to assist the select
 Men Relating to the Small Pox there being no article in the
 Warrant yet the Deciding of that Distemper the town did
 Cause to act

Voted to Chuse Seven Men that have had the Small Pox to be
 Assistant with the select Men to examine the Persons that have
 the Small Pox and to be Assistant with the select men to prevent
 if possible the further spreading of said Distemper

said Committee are as follows (Viz)
 Lt James Smith Capt Job Peirce Lt Joseph Foy
 Lt Nelson Fenney Lt David Thomas M^r Benjamin Leonard
 M^r Jesse Bryant and then the Moderator Declared this meeting to
 be dissolved after which the Moderator Declared

At a town meeting held in the Eastly Precinct meeting
 house in Middleborough on the 23^d of March A.D. 1778
 for to Chuse two good and Lawful Men to Serve on the 1st
 Jury at the Inferior Court to be holden at Plymouth on the
 second Tuesday of May Next the Persons so Chosen are Lt Zedack Leonard
 and M^r Ephraim Wood and also was Chosen as Jurymen of the
 Box on the 1st day of June two good and Lawful men to be
 the Jury of trial at the next Superior Court of Judicature Court of all
 and General Court to be holden at Plymouth the 1st of July
 in the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Next
 the Persons so Chosen are Lt Zedack Leonard and Lt
 Ebenezer Leonard

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct House in Middleborough on Tuesday the fifth Day of May A D 1778 to act on Such Business as Inserted in the Varrant Chose Mr William Shaw Moderator

Voted to Raise the Sum of one thousand Pounds in the town to be Paid the next tax or assessment that is made

Voted that the Select Men hire the Sum of £ 628:13:10 to Purchase Cloathing for the Soldier in the Continental Army

Voted to Chose a Committee of five Persons to Set a Price to Said Cloathing (Viz) Capt Nathl Wood Lt Ichabod Wood or Isaac Tompson Capt Isaac Wood and Mr Benja Darling

Voted that the Select Men and Committee of Inspection assist the above said Committee Relating to the Prices of Said Cloathing

The Report of Said Committee is as follow

We the Subscribers According to the the Best of our Judgment have Set the Price of Shoes at £ 1: 10: 0 a pair

The Price of Shirts at £ 1: 7: 0 a piece

one Shirt to contain 7 yards of yord wide of Linen or tow Cloth and Sticks to be at the Price of £ 1: 0: 0 a Pair

The Report of Said Committee being Read the town Voted in support of Said Report: Ichabod Wood Nathl Wood Benja Darling Isaac Tompson

Isaac Wood Committee

Voted to act on that article in the Varrant Relating to the fish called Alewives

Voted by Said town to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Draw a Petition to Send to the General (sent to Boston)

the Petition the fish called Alewives in Scanton Grate River to be called Said Petition a be laid before the town for their approbation Said Committee are Mr Ebenezer Wood

Nathan Darling Chosen Constable Mr John Miller

in their home and Head of cloth Jonathan who was the Constable last March Said Nathl Pinkham being Secretary for Said Towns Performances

Isaac Tompson Chosen Constable in the home of Roger Askeel who was Chosen Constable last March Capt Job Jones

to be Secretary for Said Towns Performances

Voted that the town Treasurer hire the Sum of £ 177:3:4 to Purchase the Demands of Said town

Voted that the petition Relating to the Small Pox be presented to the General Court

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 18th Day of May A D 1778 For the Chuse of a Representative at Said Meeting Voted to Send but one Representative

and at Said Meeting Chose Major John Nelson to Represent the town at a Great and General Court to be held and

Kept for the Chuse of Said State at the State House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty seventh Day of May

and to During the Sessions of Said Court the year Ensign

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House on Monday the 12th May 1778

by Adjournment from March the 12 to May 18 1778 at Said Meeting the Moderator took his Place and called the town to order

Voted to Excuse and Dismiss Mr William Bennett from Serving as Town Treasurer

Chose Mr Nathaniel Wilder Town Treasurer

at Said Meeting Voted to Excuse Capt Nathaniel Wilder from Serving as Select Man and Chose Mr Edward Wood

Select Man in his Stead

at Said Meeting Voted to Excuse Major John Nelson from Serving as Select Man and Chose Mr Thomas Nelson to Serve in his Stead

At Said Meeting Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Examine or make up accounts with William

Bennett the former Treasurer the Committee are Mr William Shaw Lt Ichabod Wood Mr Caleb Tompson

We the Subscribers being Chosen last March to Examine

into and settle account with the Select men and Committee of Inspection provided and felt out Provisions to the Soldiers family

To find upon Examination and make report as followeth

The town to Mr Isaac Tompson £ 51: 13: 4

Town Co Subtracted - 34: 15: 2

Remains Due - 16: 18: 2

The town to Mr Edward Wood £ 202: 19: 4

Town Co Subtracted - 129: 12: 0

Remains Due - 73: 0: 4

The town to Mr Thomas Nelson £ 45: 9: 0

The town to Major John Nelson £ 12: 18: 9

The town to Mr Thomas Nelson £ 12: 18: 0

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The Report of the Committee of the town Chose on the 18 Day of May Last after being read Voted and accepted by the town Which report was follow Viz

To Major John Nelson Representative for the town of Middleborough to which was said Town of Middleborough have Disapproved of the form of Government sent out as your constituents think Proper to (Commend) to you the following Remarks and Instructions (Viz) that we Don't Reject said form of Government. Proscribed because we are not that are contented under the Present Constitution but that we apprehend the Liberty of a free People both as to Civil and Religious Rights are not adapted to promote and secure to them in the best manner the happiness & freedom of the People of this State. therefore we are not called upon by the form of Government already laid Down to give our Reasons why we do not approve of said Plan or form of Government. and that we do not at Present but it may take Place we shall at Present render no Particular Reason for if said form of Government should not be Excepted and the town Representatives are required we are ready to offer them and it we hope if you if the said Plan do not take Place to shew that either all the Members in the State should give in their Reasons why they Disapprove of said Plan and to Propose amendment or that there may be in each County a Convention from the several towns in this State and their Delegates from said said County Convention to form a State Convention and in that way to have a new Plan drawn and sent out for each town to to approve or Disapprove of and to Propose amendments we Recommended to you also that you use your utmost Endeavor to Preserve the Union with our sister States; and that the most Effectual Measures be adopted for the Good of the State in Countering the Design against our unnatural Enemies

Dated at Middleborough June 2. 1778 in behalf of the Committee Benja Thomas

Voted that the above Report be Recorded and that Major John Nelson have a Copy of the same

at a town meeting held in the Easterly President meeting Room in Middleborough on Tuesday the 2nd Day of June 1778 by several adjournments from the 1st Day of March Last and also by adjournment from the 18 Day of May Last to the 2nd above said to said meeting house in said town at said meeting the Moderator took his Place and acted on the following Business (Viz)

at said meeting Excused Isaac Thomas from serving Surveyor and Chose Jacob Thomas Surveyor of highways in his stead Excused Caleb Benson from serving Surveyor of highways and Chose Stephen Washburn Surveyor in his stead Excused Edmund Wood from being one of the Committee to Deal out the to the families of the Soldiers and Chose Lt David Thomas a Committee in his stead to Deal out Stoves

Excused George Leonard from a Committee to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers and Chose Capt Gideon Southworth in his stead to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers and Chose Isaac Peine Excused from being a Committee to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers and Chose in his stead a Committee to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers Voted to Chuse five assessors Benjamin Darling William Bennett & Seth Miller William Bennett and Consider Hobland

Excused Zadach Leonard from serving a Committee to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers and Chose Samuel Eaton in his stead a Committee to Deal out Stoves to the families of the Soldiers The following accounts Being read to the town the town by Vote accepted of the same and Voted them to be paid out of the town Treasury

The town of Middleborough to William Shaw Dr To 10 Days making Rates for the year 1777 at 10^d per Day
1st Day £ 15 0 0
to half Quire of Paper 0 3 0
To 10 Days making Rates for the year 1778 15 0 0
to paper 0 2 8
To 1/2 Day settling with the Treasurer 0 6 0
Sum Total 10 11 8

The town of Middleborough to Samuel Nelson Dr to five Days making Rates at 10^d per Day 1778 £ 5 0 0
The town of Middleborough to Jacob Nelson Dr to eight Days making Rates in the year 1777 at 10^d per Day 8 0 0

The town of Middleborough to George Leonard Dr for Eighteen Days in taking the Valuation and Making the Rates for the year 1777 £ 7 0 0
To 5 Days making Rates 1778 10 0 0

The town of Middleborough to Leonard Jackson Dr for thirteen Days in taking the Valuation £ 13 0 0
To Eight Days assisting about making the Rates at 11^d per Day 8 8 0
To 10 Days in year 1778 13 0 0

The town of Middleborough to George Shaw Dr to 10 Days in taking the Valuation in 1777 £ 10 0 0

The town of Middleborough to Isaac Wood Dr for ten Days taking the Valuation in the year 1777 at 6^d per Day £ 6 0 0

The town of Middleborough to Jacob Wood Dr to 10 Days settling with the town Treasurer £ 0 6 0
Voted to allow and Pay to Lt Zadach Leonard the sum of in Consideration of his former merit for his making Rates 14 0 0

We the subscribers being chosen by the town of Middleborough
 on the 19th day of May 1778 to examine and settle with William Bunn
 Town Treasurer are accordingly met at said Treasurers house on the
 Thursday the 28th day of May instant and upon examination we find
 that the Treasurer has Received of the town money to the sum of

£1350-14

We also find that said Treasurer has Paid out the sum of £1034-17
 Remains in the Treasurers hands the sum of 21-19

We also find due from the several Constables (viz)

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| from John Jackson the of | 0-11-3 |
| from the Heir of Ezekiah Parinton | 0-14-4 |
| from Peter Vaughan | 0-15-1 |
| from Richard Pice | 0-14-6 |
| from Simon Shearman | 33-6-8 |
| from Ezra Clark Jr | 33-6-8 |
| from James Lebaron | 0-10-7 |
| | 0-14-3 |
| John Hayford | 2-2-7 |
| Isaac Cushman | 3-13-4 |
| Ebenezer Pratt | 1-7-3 |
| Joseph Eaton | 3-6-8 |
| Robert Eaton | 3-18-0 |
| Samuel Jackson | 2-18-4 |
| Lat John Mordant | 14-2-8 |
| George Shaw | 1-3-10 |
| Robert Hroobridge | 110-15-5 |

Security given for fish 140-0-0

Sum total 250-15-3

Dated at Middleborough May 28th 1778

Caleb Tompox.
 Ichabod Wood
 William Shaw

Committee

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Being moved and Inquired to see whether the Committee
 would choose a Committee to examine and settle with the
 Small Pox Voted in the affirmative to choose a Committee
 of Five Persons (viz) James Smith Capt James Smith
 Lt Joseph Snapper Lt James Smith Capt Job Pierce
 and that they make their Report to the town at this meeting
 and that they make their Report to the town at this meeting
 the Report of the Committee being Read the town by
 Voted accept of of the same

We the subscribers Chosen by the town of Middleborough to
 draw a Plan for the town to be set up to admit of an
 accumulation; accordingly we offer our Sentiments as followeth

- 1st To admit of one accumulating Hospital in town convenient
 Place in the Eastern part of the town and also another
 Accumulating Hospital in town convenient Place in the Eastern
 part of the town
- 2^d That the Doctors and undertakers or managers shall be bound
 under God and sufficient bonds to see that their
 Regulations kept up in said Hospitals
- 3^d That no Person shall pay the operation of the Small Pox
 by accumulation in either of said Hospitals only by leave from
 the Doctors and Managers of said Hospitals and to give and
 sufficient bonds that they will obey all Rules and Regulations
 in said Hospitals
- 4th That there shall at all times be kept sufficient Room
 for any that may be taken with the Small Pox the natural way
 and that all taken with the Small Pox the natural way
 in this town shall be Received into the Hospital of said Hospitals
 and be well provided for and taken good Care of by the Doctors
 and undertakers of said Hospitals
- 5th That all Persons or any Clothing or any other thing Imported
 to said Hospitals by the Select men to be (clothed) shall be bound
 to sufficient bonds
- 6th That all the Cost arising shall be Paid by those that have the
 Small Pox if they are able but the Cost of any taken the
 Natural way if unable to pay the Cost then for the town to pay
 their Cost

Middleborough May 28th 1778

James Smith
 Job Pierce
 James Smith
 Joseph Snapper
 Isaac Tompox

at said meeting Voted that the Select men have the whole
 power in providing the said Hospitals and the town
 and Long said accumulation shall continue

Voted to choose a Committee of three men to examine into
 the conduct of the Persons that have had the Care of these Persons
 taken with the Small Pox and the said Committee to make
 Report to the Select men

James Smith
 Job Pierce
 James Smith
 Joseph Snapper
 Isaac Tompox

town meeting Dissolved
 Ebenezer Brown Town Clerk

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At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House, on Monday June 15th A.D. 1778
 at said meeting Rufus Richmond & Elipha Sinkham were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law Directs to be on the Jury of trials at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in the County on the first Tuesday of July Next

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 1st Day of June A.D. 1778
 at said Meeting Chose Lt James Smith Moderator
 on a motion moved and seconded to see if the town would act any thing relative to the twenty six men now raising for the Continental army Voted in the affirmative and also voted that there be paid to each of the twenty six men thirty pounds agreeable to the Vote of this town Passed at a town meeting the eighteenth Day of May Last

At said Meeting on a motion moved and seconded to see if the town will satisfy the Producers of their Committee Relative to Simon Daggett and Samuel Hanson Voted in the affirmative by one hundred and forty four: those Requesting said Vote Relative to the Producer of the Committee fifty four

to hear the Report of any Committee Chosen by the town for any purpose
 Do the subscribers being Chosen by the town of Middleborough to examine into the accounts of the Committee that supply the Soldiers families Do Report as followeth (viz)
 We find that the town is indebted to Lt Zadach Leonard for what he has provided for said Soldiers families £46-3-6

Received out of the town Treasurers the sum of 32-11-3
 Remains due to Lt Zadach Leonard the sum of 13-12-3
 We also find that Mr George Leonard has supplied the Soldiers families to the sum of 3-0-0
 Received of the towns money the sum of 1-4-0
 Remains due to Mr George Leonard the sum of 1-16-0

William Shaw Samuel Jackson & Jacob Tompkins of Committee
 The town of Middleborough Dr to each of them for Medicines and attendance on William Fuller from the 8th of April 1778 until about 1st of June some £2-2-0

Come the above accounts being Voted and allowed by the town
 and the same to be paid out of the town Treasury

Memorandum A number of Persons being Dissatisfied Relative to the above Votes Requesting the Committee and the two men above named have entered the Protest against the same as follows

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Isaac Leonard's account in our our fragments
 for the house Room and fire Wood £ 2 0 0
 to 2nd of Seal 2 2 0
 Corned and some 2 7 0
 Bread and rice 2 17 0
 one Quart of Wine 1 0 0
 Coffee 0 5 0
 Clothing bedding and Clothing 3 13 0

Abner Lingman's account
 to 14 Quarts of Milk at 8th per Quart 0 3 4
 to Physicks by Doctor Crane given to Mary by my Dr 0
 to one Sanglehill Soul and honey and going for it 0 4 0
 5:10:4

the Widow Nimblett's account to 12 Day Working 5:10:4

the town by Vote and the above account
 We the subscribers being appointed by the town of Middleborough a Committee to examine the accounts brought in by several Persons for the Charge of Mr William Fuller's sickness at Joseph Leonard with a small Note to approve of their account as above

than the Moderator Declared the Meeting to be Dissolved attest Abner Barrow Town Clerk

at a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the Seventh Day of July 1778
 at said Meeting Chose Lt James Smith Moderator

on a motion moved and seconded to know whether the town will Give a bounty of fourteen Pounds to the men now raising for the State of Rhode Island

Voted that the town Treasurer Give his Note of fourteen Pounds in behalf of the town to each of the nineteen men now raising for the service of the State of Rhode Island said Notes to be on Interest to be paid the first Day of January Next

on a motion moved and seconded to know whether the town will act any thing Relative to the Request of Joseph Barden and others Who bought the Privilege of taking the fish called alwice

Voted by the town that they will act Nothing Relative to the above Request: then the Moderator Declared this meeting to be Dissolved attest Abner Barrow Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #75
TOWN RECORDS 1778-1785, 2:96-163 Holbrook

At a town Meeting Held in the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 28th of September A.D. 1778
 At said Meeting Ezra Haves and Peter Vaughan were Appointed by Drawing out of the Box as the Law to Serve on the Jury of trials at the next Superior Court of Common Pleas and Court of the said General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October next

At a town Meeting Held in the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 28th day of September 1778
 At said Meeting ~~Chapman~~ ^{Mr. William Shaw} Moderator
 at said meeting Voted Raise the sum of fifteen hundred pounds on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said town For the Defraying the Charges of said town the year ensuing
 said money to be paid the next town tax or assessment
 Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Examine the accounts of those committees that have Dealt out Provision to the families of the Soldiers now in the Service
 said Committee are Mr John Miller Mr William Shaw & Mr William Cushman said Committee to make Report to the town at the adjournment of the meeting

on a motion moved and Seconded to see if the town will Choose a Committee of five men Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to Examine into the taxes of each of the Constables Dating in answer to the Request of the Constables who Complain that these Commissions is so great they are unable to perform it said Committee to take Notice of those that are liable to Collect said taxes and those that are not and to make Report to the town at the adjournment of the meeting
 said Committee are Capt Robert Sprout Mr Edmund Poor Mr Ebenezer Wood Lt Abner Kingman Mr William Harlow

Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to agree with the tender taken of setting up a Hospital for the use of the Small Pox said Committee to agree on a price With the owners or ~~renters~~ ^{lessors} Under takers of said Building and make Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting then Voted to Adjourn to the day following or the twentieth day of October next at one o'clock in the afternoon to meet at one and a half a house

At the above Committee to agree with the Under takers of a Hospital

Mr William Harlow
 Mr John Miller
 Mr Edmund Poor
 Mr Ebenezer Wood
 Mr Robert Sprout

then the moderator
 ordered the meeting to be adjourned to time and place

At a town Meeting by adjournment Held in the Eastern Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough from Sept^r the 28th to Monday the 12th day of October 1778

at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place and then the town Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz)
 At said Meeting Voted not to Permit to these Paid Rates
 Voted to Permit John M^r Farling Paid Rates in Joseph Lovell
 Paid Rates in P. B.

Resolved that in September 1778 this is to Certify to the town of Middleborough that Theophilus Crocker was Rated in this town in the first Continental Tax which was levied on this town by the Court January 4th 1778 and hath Paid the same to me Jonathan Pearce Constable
 Voted not to accept of the above Receipt

Read Salisbury 4th March 1778 of Joel White the full of his Rates for the year 1778 p^r J^r J^r Bator Coll^r
 Voted not to accept of the above Receipt

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee by the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough on Monday September the 28th A.D. 1778

To Examine the accounts of the Committee appointed by said town to supply the Soldiers Families have accordingly this 28th day of October Examined the accounts of the following Committee and find their accounts as followeth (Viz)

Mr Thomas Tompson account against the town the sum of 11.10.0
 Town to Dit Remain Due to Mr Thomas Tompson 11.2.0

Mr Samuel Eaton account against the town the sum of 20.11.0
 Towns Credit Remain Due to Samuel Eaton 12.00

Mr David Shamos account against the town the sum of 2.7.0
 Mr Dehabas Wood account against the town the sum of 10.18.0

after the Report of the Committee being John Miller
 Read the town by Vote accepted the above ^{Jonathan} ^{William Cushman} Committee
 accounts the same to be Paid out of the town treasury

We the Subscribers being a Committee Chosen by the town of Middleborough September 28th 1778 to Consider what the town of South Scituate in said town shall be the present year in answer to their Complaint &c do Determine as follows (Viz) that we for them desire to Collect all these Commissions to them from good authority Except the Continental tax they made not Committed to said Constables and as to those heard it appears to the Committee that said Constables have been receiving Receipts for the same as is in the Court of the said Constables
 We shall Collect all these Commissions from them from good authority for their town
 Voted to accept of the above Receipts
 by the town John Kingman

Voted that the Constable, that are Not^{Sup} to Collect the Taxes, Have three Pence on this Pound for Collecting the Continental Taxes now to Collect.

Voted to Provide Belth John Benson according to Law who was chosen Constable Last March and Ref^d to Serve and also Voted and made Choice of Mr Lemuel Jackson agent to Provide said John Benson

an account of the Timber Work &c that has been expended on the Hospital

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| Timber & Boards 10474 feet | 125:14:0 |
| 7400 of Broad Soder Shingles | 37:00:0 |
| 21760 Broad Nails at 20 ^d | 7:16:0 |
| 3300 of Shingles Nails at 37 ^d | 6:16:0 |
| 1000 Double Searat 90 ^d | 4:10:0 |
| 6 p of hinges at 15 ^d | 4:10:0 |
| to Carpenter's Bill | 56:18:0 |

To Digging the well, Flooring, Floors, Work, Mares work, Nags, Velling the Main Wheel 333:1:0 account for the produced with Regard Under flooring included

Taken by the subscribers Sept 30th 1770

William Harlow

Esq^r Mr Wood

Mr Supper

Gideon Southworth

Samuel Eaton

Voted to Purchase and Receive the Building now set up for the town use excepting the frame of a Building containing twenty four feet in Length and including two thousand of Boards for the use of said house also Capt Jonathan Wood giving a Lease of the Land and a Pipe to and from said house for three years Without Cost

Voted to Sell the fish called alewives as usual at the Siting mill

Voted to adjourn Monday to the house of St John Way for the Sale of said fish at said Meeting chose Mr Salmon Ropley Vandeve Master and then the town provided to the Sale of said fish at Public Vandeve or what Capt Jonathan Wood appeared to be the highest Bidder who bid the sum of one hundred sixteen Pounds

thirteen Shillings and three Pence but through a mistake each Note wanted five hundred to make the above sum - the first Note to be Paid to the town Treasurer the first day of Nov Next the other Note to be Paid to

the same
Bidd in
old town
Nov 1770

the first day of September the first day of September the first day of September

all former Rules and Customs to be observed both in the taking said fish and in the sale of said fish then the town of said Jonathan Wood to have the Privilege of taking and disposing said fish as usual for said Wood's Performance on

At a Town Meeting Held in the Eastley Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 23 Day of November 1770 at said Meeting Abraham Miller and Nath^l Foster were appointed by Drowl out of Box as the Law Directs to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of December Next

At a Town Meeting Held in the Eastley Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 23rd of November 1770 at said Meeting Chas^r M^r Isaac Tompson Moderator

at said Meeting Voted to act on the first article in the Warrant (Viz) to Chuse a Constable in Room of John Benson who Refused to Serve at said Meeting said John Benson being Present accepted of his being Chosen Constable and was sworn

At said Meeting Voted Voted to act on the article in Warrant Relative to the men that brought the fish last Year

Voted Not to Lay out no more Cost on the Hospital House Lately Bought by the town on a Motion Moved and Seconded the above Vote was Voted to be Reason and Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to prevent said Hospital House from Receiving Damage by Storms by Reason said house being much open said Committee to Insure said building as it shall be thought to them most proper and they to make a Report to the town at the Next town meeting said Committee are

Joseph Supper Mr Nath^l Wilder
and Mr William Cushman

Committee

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Friday the First Day of January A D 1779 to act on such business as Intert in the Warrant (Viz)

at said Meeting Chose M^r William Shaw Moderator

Resolved That the Select Committee to Supply the Soldiers Families be Impowered to Riser money in case it cannot be Drawn out of the Town Treasury to Enable them to Provide for said family if it be agreeable to the Last Vote of the town untill Next March Meeting: and also Voted that those Soldiers that Continue at Home with or without furlows have no supply from said Committee While absent from the Army.

Resolved to act on the Second article in the Warrant (Viz) to see if the town Will Build or Hire a Work house for the Poor of the town Voted to Procure a Work house as above said then Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Draw a Plan and form the Regulation and Petition on the Place for the house to Stand and make Report at the adjourn of this Meeting. Said Committee were
Lt James Smith M^r John Alden M^r George Leonard Lt Ehabod Wood Capt Henry Pierce
Then Voted to adjourn four Weeks or to the 29 Day of Jan^y Instant to meet at one o'clock in the after Noon to meet at times & Place above said

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Friday the 29 Day of January A D 1779 by adjournment from the first Day of Jan^y 1779 at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then the town Proceeded to act on the following business (Viz)

To hear the Report of their Committee Which Report is as follows

To the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough Gent - Whereas we the Subscribers were at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in said Middleboro on the first Day of Jan^y Instant (Chosen as a Committee to Consult and Report to the town What in our Judgment is the best Plan to Com into: and the best Place in the town to Erect a Work house accordingly we offer our Sentiment as follows (Viz)

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ly To take the House now owned by the Town Standing on M^r Jonathan Woods Land and move it and set it on the South Easterly Corner of the home farm of Israel Wood Near the Land lately owned by Kedge Oliver -

ly to be under the Inspection of and Regulated by the Select men agreeable to the Law of the State Given under our hands at Middleborough this 29th of Jan^y 1779 after the above Report being Read the John Alden & the town Voted and accepted the same Ehabod Wood George Leonard
at said meeting Voted to Chuse: James Smith a Committee of three Men to Remove Henry Pierce

the above said house and to set it up on the Place as above said and the Committee to set up the house and to finish the same the Committee are

M^r David Vaughan
M^r Nathan Edsall
M^r Ezra Harlow
at said Meeting Voted to Take a Lease of M^r Israel Wood for thirty years for the Work house to Stand on his Land

Said Wood Promised the town at said Meeting that so long as he received no Tonnage by the house Standing on his Land the Wood Exact No Cost and if he should Receive Tonnage then to be Left to the Judgment of Discreet men

at said Meeting Voted That the town Treasurer Give the Sum of Five hundred Pounds for the benefit of Supplying the Soldiers Families and also Call on the out Standing Constables to make Speedy Payment

Then Voted to adjourn said Meeting to the annual March Meeting to Nine o'clock in the morning to meet at time and Place above said

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough by adjournment from the first Day of January to Monday the first Day of March A D 1779

at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place on a Motion being moved and seconded to see if the Meeting should be Adjourned Voted that the Meeting be Disposed and the Moderator declared the Meeting to be Disposed

Town
Meeting
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At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Present Meeting House in Middleborough on the First Day of March A.D. 1779
For to Chose two good and Lawful Men to Serve on the Grand Jury at the Inferiour Court to be Holden at Plymouth the Second Tuesday of April Next and other Courts of the Sessions the year. Inuing the Persons so Chosen are: Mr. Cabel Tompson & Mr. Ezra Clark to appear at the Court house in Plymouth the first Day of the Court sitting at ten o'clock in the Morning
and also to Chose two good and Lawful Men to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Inferiour Court to be Holden at Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of April Next the men so Chosen are: Nathaniel Wood Jones & Joseph Thomas to meet at the Court house in Plymouth on the second Day of the Court sitting at ten o'clock in the fore Noon then the Constable Declard the meeting to be Disalud

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Present Meeting House in Middleborough on the First Day of March A.D. 1779
For the Choise of town officers and other Business as inserted in the Warrant.
It said meeting on a motion being Bring moved and seconded to che where the Warning of said Meeting be Legal or not Voted that the Warning of said Meeting be Legal and also Voted to Provide on the Business as inserted in the Warrant: (viz) Mr. William Shaw & Moderator

- 1. Chose. Mr. William Shaw & Moderator
- 2. Abner. Barnes & Town Clerk
- 3. Mr. Edmond Wood
Mr. John Alden } Select Men
- Mr. Isaac Tompson
Mr. Thomas Coffin
Mr. Henry Woodbridge
- 4. Mr. Nathaniel Wood } Town Treasurer

- 5. Nathaniel Vaughan
Ensign Charles Ellis
Edmond Wood Junior } Constables
- Ed. Dick Lyon
Nathaniel Foster
Stephen Hathaway

It was that the Treasurer be Directed to hire money for the immediate use of the town. Anding an account thereof also to Put the Ables of said town to be kept by the hands of said Treasurer if said Person are satisfied therewith for the Present also that there be an account Rendred to the town at the adjournment of the State of the town
and also Chose Mr. William Bennhynd to assist the town Treasurer and that they make Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting. then Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Day of April next at ten o'clock in the fore Noon then the Constable Declard the meeting to be adjourned

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Present Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the fifteenth Day of March A.D. 1779 by Adjournment from March the first Day to the Day above said
the first Day to the Moderator took his Place then Proceeded to act on the following Business (viz)
Excused Stephen Hathaway from Serving Constable.
Excused Edmond Wood from Serving Constable.
Excused Edmond Lyon from Serving Constable.
Excused Nathaniel Foster from Serving Constable.
the following Person were Chosen to Serve Constables

- Leut William Tompson
- Robert Benson
- Nathaniel Foster & } Constables
- Robert Hoag
- Samuel Richard
- Samuel Eaton

Voted to Divide the old town District in two Districts and that there be one Constable for each District and also Voted to Divide said District in two Districts and that there be one Constable for each District.

- Voted to Chose five Assessors
- It Zedock Leonard
- Samuel Nelson
- Samuel Raymond
- Mr. Nathaniel Smith
- Jacob Bennett Junior

- Daniel Tuckett
- Benjamin Reed
- Moses Robens
- John Richmond
- John Finkham
- Peter Finkham

- Benjamin Tuckett Junior
- John Finkham
- Thomas Wood
- John Miller & } Wardens
- Abraham Peine
- Samuel Jackson

- Voted to Chose six Lying men
- Joseph Richmond & } Lying men
- Mr. Thomas Wood
- It Isaac Thomas
- It John Finkham
- Thomas Reading
- Andrew Richard

- North Cushman
- James Little John } Lying men

- Joseph Bates & } School of Lectures
- Ebenezer Thomas
- Jeremiah Thomas } Town Vears
- Joseph Bumpus
- Eleazer Pratt
- Es. Job Peine
- Moses Thomas
- Es. William Tupper

- Voted to Chose a Committee of three men to be a Comitee of Safety or Inspection
- Rebecca Sprout
- Caleb Tompson
- Dean James Shaw

- It William Tompson
- Voted to Chose a Committee of Safety
- Mr. Cabel Tompson
- Mr. James Shaw
- Mr. Nathaniel Wood

Voted not to act on the kind articles in the Warrant Relative to the Chosing on Agent to assist the Committee of Inspection Relative to a Case depending between John White Eff and said Committee

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1800
Voted to Raise the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds
on the Pool and Estate of the Inhabitants of the town
of Middleborough
and also Voted that the assessors make the Rate Speedily
and also to include in said Rate the Sum of fifteen
Hundred Pounds, agreeable to former Vot^s and also Voted
to include the County Rate.

Voted to Choose three Men to be a Committee to Examine
the accounts of the Committee that have Dealt out Pr^ovisions
or Stores of the formely of the Soldiers the Committee
are. Capt William Shaw
Stephen Hathaway
William Bennett

Voted to Choose two Men to Inspect Nemeshit River
to see that the fish have a free Pass up said River to Cast
there spawn the Present year the Persons Chosen are
Silas Wood and Ebenezer Lij Bennett

Voted to allow Two Days in Each Week to take the fish
called alewives at a place called Brook near to Mr. W. L. Smith.
Two Days in Each Week and no more.

Chose Capt Amos Washburn to Inspect said brook to see
that the fish have a free Pass up said brook into the Pond
to Cast their spawn the Present year

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to May meeting for
the Representative to Nine o'clock in the Morning
to meet at time and Place above said then the moderator Declared
to be adjourned.

Annual
From meeting
by adjourn
of the
day of
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to
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may
16y
Chose
Cobb
Constable

Annual Town Meeting held by Adjournment from the first
day of March to the Seventeenth Day of May 1779. At said
meeting the moderator took his Place then acted on the
following Resolutions (Viz)

at said meeting Nathan Vaughan Proposed Ebenezer Cobb
to serve as Constable for him said Vaughan being Sworn
for said Cobb's Performance and then by Vote Chose
Ebenezer Cobb Constable

Then by Vote Excused Roland Benson from serving Constable
and Chose Ebenezer Cobb Constable to serve in the other
Part of that District

Robert
Hoard
Constable

Then Robert Hoar Son appeared to serve Constable in the
Place of his father the said Robert Hoar then the town
by Vote Excused said Hoar from serving Constable
and Chose Robert Hoar Junior Constable in his home
the said Robert Hoar being Sworn for his sons Performance

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At a Town Meeting Held in the Eastern Precinct
Meeting House in Middleborough on Sunday the
Twenty Sixth Day of April A.D. 1779 to act on
the articles in the Warrant.

19y Chose Capt William Shaw Moderator of said meeting
at said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of
Seven Men to make Report to the Town Relative to the
first article in the Warrant to hear and answer seven
Questions sent out by the Great and General Court of this
State Relative to forming a new Constitution or form of
Government: the Committee are
Deacon Benja Thomas: Mr John Alden Lt James Smith
Mr Ebenezer Briggs Mr John Miller Capt William Shaw
and Mr Isaac Lovell and the Committee to make there
Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted not for the town to pay the fine laid on the town
by the Superior Court for the Defect of each Company in
not Raising Twenty six men to man the Continental
army last year

and also Voted that each Delinquent Company in this
Town pay the above said fine in Proportion to the men
Wanting in each Company

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the may meeting
for a Representative to four o'clock in the afternoon
to time and Place above said then the moderator Declared the
meeting to be adjourned

At a town Meeting held in the Eastern Precinct meeting house
on the Seventeenth Day of May A.D. 1779 by adjournment from
the twenty sixth Day of April at said Meeting the moderator
then took his Place then acted on the following Resolutions (Viz)

Those Voting for a new form of Government 28
Those Voting against a form of Government 28
Those Voting for the People to retain the the form of Govern^{ment}
in their own hands and they to be the Deciders 141
Those Voting for the General Court to appoint the form of
Government over of their Committee Report

Voted to Repair the House owned by the town that stood
on the Lands of Jonathan Woods for a Work House where
it now stands

Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Repair said
House (Viz) Silas Wood William Cashman & Capt William
Suppami Committee

then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be Adjourned
attest
Abner Brown Town Clerk

Dean
Benja
Thomas
Representative

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the Seventeenth Day of May 1779 for the Choice of a Representative

At said Meeting Chose Dean Benjamin Thomas to Represent this Town at a State and General Court to be held and kept for the Service of said State at the State House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty sixth Day of May and so During the Sessions of said Court the year ensuing

at a town meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the fourteenth Day of May 1779 at said Meeting Chose M^r Isaac Tompson Moderator Voted to send a Petition to the State & General Court to see if they can get the fine taken off of the town Relative to the towns not Raising twenty five men for the Continental Army Last year

Voted to Chose a Committee of three men to Draw the Petition and also the Report of the Capt of each Company Relative to their Raising men for this service above said or any other Service
Major John Nelson
M^r Benja Darling
Capt William Shaw

Voted that Dean Benjamin Thomas Carry the Petition to the General Court
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town Meeting to four o'clock in the afternoon then the moderator Declared the Meeting to be adjourned

At a town meeting held by adjournment on the thirty first Day of May 1779 at said meeting the moderator took his Place then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 1st Day of June to four o'clock in the afternoon

John
meeting
by adjournment

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 1st Day of June 1779 by adjournment as above said
The moderator took his Place then the at said meeting that have Chosen to Draw a Petition to send to the Committee Relative to the towns being fined in not Raising General Court. Relative to the towns being fined in not Raising these full Number of Soldiers the Last year. said Committee

Dean
Benja
Thomas

their Report before the town which being read the town Voted to accept the same and being so accepted and also Voted to include in said Petition an account of this State Relative to Raising men for this year in 1779 and Jacob's Regiment in the year 1778 and Voted that Major John Nelson make a Report to the Court Relative to the men Raising in the above said Regt in 1778

Annual
town
meeting
by adjournment
to the
State
House
in Boston
on the
26th Day
of May
1779

At said Meeting Chose seven Men to be a Committee to Deal out Stores to the family of the Soldiers the Committee are
Dean Benjamin Thomas Isaac James Shaw Lt Abner Bourn Noah Cushman Capt Job Peine John Finkham and Job Peine

Then the town Proceeded to the Choice of Surveysors of high Ways Aaron Gray Samuel Matham Joseph Pratt James Finkham Samuel Finkham Stephen Richmond Samuel Cushman Ebenezer Porter Perez Leonard Ephraim Thayer John Pickens Dr Enos Peine John Howard John Raymond Jonathan Ensey Eleazer Thomas Dr Jacob Tilton Nathaniel Wood Dr William Bennett Dr Josiah Harlow Thos Washburn Edward Sherman Capt Benjamin John Sampson & Job Choies
Then Voted and allowed the Demands of the several Persons here after named and allowed their accounts to be paid out of the town Treasury

The town of Middleborough to the selectmen Dr for interest money for money Paid to the Soldiers that marched to Picko Hill. and to Middlesex State and Boston last summer £6:6:0
Middleborough May 17: 1779
Benjamin Wood
Abner Kingman
Isaac Tompson

the town of Middleborough to George Leonard Dr to 20 days in taking the Valuation in 1778 at 10th per Day £10:0:0
to more Days making Rates for the year 1778 4:10:0
to 12 Sheets of Paper 0:6:0
14:16:0

the town of Middleborough to Zadach Leonard Dr to 14 days and a half taking the Valuation in 1779 4:19:0
to five Days and a half making Rates April 1779 8:4:0

The town of Middleborough Dr to Somers Nelson to taking the Valuation and for driving and costing up the bills for the year 1778 to 14 Days 10th per Day 7:0:0
to 6 1/2 Days making Rates in April 1779 18th per Day 12:17:0

town of Middleborough to William Bennett Dr to twenty Days in assisting the assessors at taking the Valuation in the year 1778 2:8:0

the town of Middleborough Dr to Benja Darling for taking the Valuation Eighteen Days and a half at 10th per Day 2:15:0
for three Sheets of Paper 0:8:0
1779 9:8:0

town of Middleborough Dr to Confid^{nt} Harlow to assisting the assessors in taking the Valuation twelve Days in the year 1778: £6:1:0

the town of Middleborough Dr 1778 to Seth Miller for 17 Days leave in taking the Valuation 10th per Day 1:8:10:0
to 3 Sheets of Paper 0:8:0

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 31st Day of May to 4 o'clock in the afternoon to meet at the same Place above said the moderator Declared meeting to be adjourned

Annual Town meeting By adjournment from the thirteenth day of May to the thirtyfirst day of May 1779 at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middletown. At said meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following business (Viz)

Resolved Deacon Benjamin Thomas from serving a Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers and Chaplains two men to serve in that District to serve a Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers (Viz) Moses Thomas & Eleazer Thomas and also Deacon Nath Cushman from serving a Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers and Chaplains two men to serve a Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers

Resolved that the Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers be allowed the same Privilege of the former Committee Relative to hiring money and Lending money out of the town Treasury

Then Voted to Pay out of the town Treasury the following Sums

Voted to Pay to Capt William Shaw the Sum of £30:00 for taking the Valuation and Making Rates in the year 1778

John McFarling Rate Remitted in Joseph Lavel's Bills £1:4:0
Joseph Lavel's Rate Remitted in Joseph Lavel's Bills £1:4:0
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Capt William Lippin one Pale Rate Remitted in St Villiam Tomlins Bills £4:16:0

Nath C. Holmes' Rate Remitted in Capt Isaac Woods' Bills £1:6:0

John Stowbridge Rate Remitted £2:6:0
Samuel Montgomery Rate Remitted 2:6:0

John McFarling Rate Remitted in George Shaw's Bills £0:16:0
Jonathan Morse Rate Remitted £1:1:0
Elijah Thomas' Rate Remitted 3:18:7

Resolved that the Swine go at Large yoked and Ringed as the Law Directs

on a Petition Exhibited to the town by the Widow Mary Shaw selling forth her Vant and then Voted that the above sd Widow Mary Shaw be allowed as other Soldiers Wives till the time of her husband's Decease who died in the Service

Resolved that the town of Middletown do to John Miller for two half days one in settling accounts with Eleazer Wood Answer of the sd money and one with the Committee for the families of the Soldiers in the Continental Service £0:16:0

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Let the Subscribers being Chosen on the first day of March 1779 to examine the accounts of those Persons who have supplied the families of the Continental Soldiers with provisions the find upon examination there is due to the Subscribers as follows

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| To Capt Richard Wood | £30:14:0 |
| To Mr Samuel Eaton | 109:18:5 |
| To Capt Abner Kingman | 5:14:0 |
| To Mr Francis Tomlinson | 40:12:3 |
| To Mr Enos Pierce | 26:18:0 |
| To Capt David Thomas | 167:4:0 |
| | 391:00:9 |

Middletown May 5th 1779 William Brewster & Committee

the town of Middletown do to William Shaw for 20 days in taking the valuation £10:0:0

To 12 day making Rates 8:0:0

To a Quire of Paper 15:18

Elipha Crossman Rate Remitted in Isaac Cushman's Bills £0:1:0

Isaac Cushman's Rate Remitted in Peter Fuller's Bills £1:1:0

Isaac Heath's Rate Remitted in Thomas Ling's Bills £2:4:0

Isaac Heath's Rate Remitted in Thomas Ling's Bills £2:4:0

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Annual Town meeting By Adjournment from the
 Seventeenth Day of May to the thirtyfirst Day of May 1779
 at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough
 At said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted
 on the following Business (Viz)

1st Excused Deacon Benjamin Thomas from serving a Commi-
 to supply the families of the Soldiers and chose two men
 to serve in that District to serve a Committee to supply
 the families of the Soldiers (Viz) Moses Thomas & Eleazer
 Thomas and also Excused Nath Cushman from serving a
 Committee to supply the families of the Soldiers and chose
 Let James Weston to serve a Committee to supply the
 the families of the Soldiers

2nd Voted that the Committee to supply the families of the
 Soldiers be allowed the same Privilege of the former
 Committee Relative to hiring money and borrowing money out
 of the town Treasury

3rd Then Voted to Pay out of the town Treasury the sum
 following Sums

Voted to Pay to Capt William Shaw the sum of £30:00

for taking the Valuation and Making Rates in the year 1778

John McFarling Rate Remitted in Joseph Lonsdale's Bills £1:4

Philip Corey Rate Remitted in Joseph Lonsdale's Bills £1:8

Capt William Tupper one Pole Rate Remitted in Lt William

Tompsons Bills £4:16:0

Nathl Holmes' Rate Remitted in Capt Isaac Woods' Bills £1:10

John Stowbridge Rate Remitted £2:6:0

Samuel Montgomery Rate Remitted £2:6:0

John McFarling Rate Remitted in George Shaw's Bills £0:16:0

Jonathan Morse Rate Remitted £1:1:0

Elizah Thomas' Rate Remitted 3:18:7

Voted that the Saine go at Large yoked and Ringed as the

Low Servants

on a Petition Exhibited to this town by the Widow Mary Shaw

saying forth her Want and then Voted that the above do Widow

Mary Shaw be allowed as other Widows Vint till the time of

her husband's Death who died in the Service

This town of Middleboro do to John Miller for two half days

one in settling accounts with Eleazer Wood Treasurer of this town

money and one with the Committee for the families of the Soldiers

in ye Continental Service £0:16:0

We the Subscribers being Chosen on the first day of
 March 1779 to examine the accounts of those Persons who have
 supplied the families of the Continental Soldiers with Necessaries
 we find upon Examination there is due to the said
 Persons as follows

To Lett Leland Wood £30:14:0

To Mr Samuel Eaton 109:18:5

To Lett Abner Kingman 5:14:0

To Mr Francis Tompkins 40:12:3

To Mr Ones Pierce 36:18:0

To Lett David Thomas 167:4:0

391:00:8

middleborough May 5th 1779 William Bennett & Committee

the town of Middleborough do to William Shaw

To Samuel Jackson for 20 days in taking the valuation £10:00

To 12 day making Rates 8:10:0

To a Quire of Paper 15:00

Elizah Crosson Rate Remitted in Isaac Cushman's Bills £0:1:3

Isaac Cortis Rate Remitted in Peter Fuller's Bills £0:1:3

Isaac Keith & Peter Thomas Ling & Peter Walker & Peter

Doniel Throacher 100:20:0

The town of Middleborough do to Nelson Finney Dr for services

done as one of the Committee in taking care of those that had

the small Pox by going to visit one day & Night and sent

day till noon self and Horse £2:10:0

by two Spls with Capt Thacker 0:10:0

3:00:0

The Town of Middleborough do to Joseph Tupper Dr for

services done as a Committee man to assist the select men

in taking care of those that had the small Pox

by going to visit one day and Night £2:0:0

at William Fuller's Half a Night 0:10:0

2:10:0

middleborough March 1779

The town of Middleborough do to Peter Bryant Dr for services

done as one of the Committee to assist the select men in taking care

of those that had the small Pox

a going to visit by their order £2:0:0

by the order of the select men at Capt Thacker's half a day 10:00

by order of select men half a day more 10:00

3:00:0

Then the Moderator Declared this meeting to be Adjourned

attest

At a town meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the thirty first Day of May AD 1779 at said meeting Nathaniel Tompson and Ebenezer Brown were appointed to serve as men for by drawing out of the Box as the Law Directs. at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July Next

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the twenty Eighth Day of June AD 1779

After the Warrant being Read the town Proceeded to sit on the following Business as Insisted in the Warrant (Viz)

Capt William Shaw Chosen Moderator
To Hear orders Sent out by the Hon^{le} Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay Dated June 15th AD 1779 To Raise Twenty five Men in the Town of Middleborough to serve Nine months in the Continental Army

Voted That the town Raise the Number of twenty five Men as a Town to serve Nine Months in the Continental Army

Voted to Choose a Committee of Eight Men to make Report to the town Committee are: Capt Nathaniel Wood Lt Abner Brown Capt William Shaw Capt Abisha Smithham Capt Amos Washburn Lt Abner Kingman and Lt Peter Hoar Report of Committee

That Each Captains Company in this town Raise their full Proportion of the above said twenty five men

on a motion moved and seconded to see Whether the town would reconsider the above Vote Relative to the Raising said men Voted that above be Reconsidered

Voted that Each Captains Company in this town Raise their full Proportion of the said twenty five men for the Service above said

To hear orders Sent out by Hon^{le} the Great and General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay Dated June 15th AD 1779 By Virtue of Which orders the town of Middleborough have ten men to Rais for the Rhode Island Service to serve until the first Day of January Next and said ten men are to be Paid thirty Pounds Each out of the Treasury of said Middleborough

Voted That the town Treasurer Give his Note of thirty Pounds to Each of said ten men With Interest till Paid the time of Payment of said Note as they can agree and also ordered that if any of the above said ten men Should Insist on the money the Treasurer to Pay them the above said sum in money Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Sixth Day of July to two o'clock in the after Noon then the Moderator Declared this meeting to be adjourned.

See next Page

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the Sixth Day of July by Adjournment from the 1st Day of June AD 1779 at said Meeting Voted that the Committee to supply the Soldiers formerly in the Continental Service be empowered to hire Money for Six months to Provide Provisions for said Soldiers on Interest as it goes at that time of Purchase they Trusting the Committee until they Produce the money then Voted to Defere the meeting

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the third Day of August AD 1779 at said Meeting after the Warrant Read then Proceeded to sit on the business as Mentioned in the Warrant Chose Deen Benjamin Thomas Moderator by acclamation then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting till after the other Meeting that is Now Called

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the third Day of August AD 1779 at said Meeting Chose Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator

To see if the town Will Elect on or More Delegates to Represent them in a State Convention to be holden at Cambridge in the City of Middlesex on the first Day of September Next: said Convention to be Convened for the sole Purpose of forming a new Constitution or Form of Government for the State of Massachusetts Bay

then Voted to send one Delegate and Chose Mr John Miller to be their Delegate: but on a motion being Moved and seconded to see if the town Would reconsider the above Vote Relative to sending but one Delegate Voted to reconsider the above Vote and Voted to send one more and no more

and then Chose Capt William Shaw to be their Delegate Mr John Miller and Capt William Shaw Chosen Delegates to Represent the town as above said

To see if the town Will Give their Delegates any Instructions Voted to Give their Delegates instructions

then Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine men to Draw up the Instructions and to Report to the town at the adjournment

Committee are: Ebenezer Sprunt Deen Benjamin Thomas Mr John Miller Mr William Shaw Mr Abner Kingman Mr Amos Washburn Mr Abisha Smithham Mr Nathaniel Wood

then Voted to adjourn to Monday the twenty third Day of August 1779

Town Meeting by adjournment on the third day of August at said Meeting the Moderator again took his Place then Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz)

To see if the town Will do any thing With the House now owned by the town standing on the land lately owned by Mr Jonathan Wood

Middleboro: July 30th 1779 -

Michael Wood
Proposals
to the
Town
Relatives
to the
Past house

Gentlemen
I have Considered of your Application to me in behalf of the town for the Purchase of one acre of Land for the Past House and Liberty of Equis and Regress there to and from for answer say I do not Intend to sell but my Regard for the Town of Middleboro Induced me to make them the Gift of the Privilege of one acre of Land and Free Equis and Regress to and from said house for the space of fifteen years with Liberty to Remove said house of During said Times I am Ready to sign a Lease on Answering the town Vote of acceptance and thanks I am with all due Respect your
Humble Servant

Michael Wood

After the above Proposals being Read the town by Vote accepted of the same and then Voted That the Thanks of this town be Given Michael Wood for the deed then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the twenty third day of August to meet at 10 o'clock in the afternoon

Town meeting by adjournment from the third day of August as above said to August 23rd 1779 at said meeting the Moderator took his Place after the Warrant being Read the town Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the sixth day of September Next to three o'clock after noon to meet at said meeting house in said town then the Moderator declared the meeting to be adjourned

Town meeting by adjournment held in the Eastly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the sixth day of September A.D. 1779 at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place and after the Warrant being Read the town by Voted that this meeting be dissolved and the Moderator declared said Meeting to be dissolved at that...

Town meeting by adjournment from the third day of August at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place and after the Warrant being Read Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz)

The Report of the Committee Chosen to make Report is the Town Relative to Giving their Delegates Instructions being Read to the town on a motion being moved that the articles attached to the above Report be Read and Excepted of each then Voted that the Delegates be instructed for their Delegates as far as Consistent with the Whole body then Voted to dissolve this meeting then the Moderator declared that the meeting to be dissolved

At a town Meeting held in the Eastly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the twenty third day of August 1779 at said Meeting Chas^r M^r Isaac Thompson Moderator by Proclamation after the Warrant being Read the town Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz)

1st Voted that the first article in the Warrant be voted on and That it be Referred to the adjournment of this meeting
2nd Voted if the Town Will act any thing of any Nature Relative to regulating of Trade in the town

Voted to Choose three men to be a Committee to draw a Delegation in a County Convention agreeable to a Decision of the town of Plymouth the town of Middleboro taking the same into Consideration Chose three men to draw a Delegation in a County Convention Proposed to meet at the house of Mr John Loring in Panton on Tuesday the instant at 8 o'clock in the forenoon in order to settle the Prices of the Measure of Life and articles of Commerce Delegates on Committee to Chose one Mr Ebenezer Wood Mr Ebenezer Wood Mr James Smith

Voted to Have one Half of the towns Stock of Powder & Ball to be Made into Cartridges and that each Capt of a 8th foot Company in this town take his Proportion of said Cartridges and Equip his Company with the same and each Capt be accountable to the town for said Cartridges then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the sixth day of September to 2 o'clock in the afternoon to transact Business

At a town Meeting held by adjournment in the Eastly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the sixth day of September A.D. 1779 at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz) Relative to the Proceedings of the Late Convention held in the County of Middlesex the next Page

Were Laid Before the town and Each article being Read the town by Vote accepted the same at said Meeting Voted not to Renew the Resolves of said Convention at Large

At said Meeting Chose Mr Ebenezer Wood their Delegate To Meet at a Convention to be holden at Concord in the County of Middlesex on the first Wednesday of October Next in order for the Regulating of Trade or Regulating of the Prices of Merchandise and Country Produce

At said Meeting Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men To Give Instructions to their Delegate Committee are Mr Benjamin Darling Capt Isaac Wood & Mr Samuel Purington

At said Meeting the Proceeding of what the Late County Convention had Don Were Laid before the town and Each Article being Read the town by Vote accepted the same Voted to Chuse a Committee of fifteen men to see that the Regulating Prices are kept Relative to the State and County Conventions

Mr Benjamin Darling Committee
Mr James Weston

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the fall Meeting to three o'clock after noon

town meeting
adjourned
to follow
the fall
meeting
1779

At a town Meeting Held in the Eastbury Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the sixth Day of Sept 1779 at said Meeting Capt Robert Sprout & Mr William Harlow Were Chosen to Survey the Ground lying and Situate on the Pilot Bay for the West Superior Court by Deeds out of the Box of the Law Directs and also Mr John Thomas & Mr Seth Richmond Were appointed by Drawing by Drawing out of the Box as the Law Directs to be on the Jury at the West Superior Court and Court of Sessions of the County of Plymouth to be holden at Plymouth on the 1st of October

At a town Meeting held in the Eastbury Precinct meeting in Middleborough on the 13th Day of November 1779 at said Meeting Ensign Joseph Leonard & Jeremiah Jones were Chosen to Survey the Ground lying and Situate on the Pilot Bay for the West Superior Court of Common Pleas or Sessions of the County of Plymouth to be holden at Plymouth on the 1st of December Next

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town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Eastbury Precinct House in Middleborough on Tuesday the 2nd Day of November 1779

At said Meeting Chose Mr Nathaniel Wilder Moderator Voted to Pass the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds on the Tolls and Estate of the Inhabitants of this town the year ensuing to Defray the Charges of the town and also Voted to Pay out of the town Treasury the several Remittances of Rates here after Named and also Voted to allow and Pay to the several Constables the money that they shall be expending Cut to

town to
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Joshua Hopkins Rates Remitted in
Nathaniel Wilder Rates Remitted in
Seth Antons Rates Remitted in
Pearl Simmons Rates Remitted in
Joseph Leonard Rates Remitted in
Leonard Rates Remitted in

Chambers Cobb one Eight Dollar Bill
Samuel Richardson one Seven Dollar Bill
Nathaniel Wilder one Five Dollar Bill
Nathaniel Wilder one Five Dollar Bill

At said Meeting Voted not to sell the alewife fishery as usual at the Flitting mill Mill Ditch Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Consult with the Neighboring Town Relative to the Lanning of Fish Called Alewives in Taunton Gate River so called and also that the other towns join in sending a Petition to the State and General Court to Prevent the Lanning of said fish if they see Cause

Voted that said Committee draw a petition to send to the State and General Court to Prevent the Lanning of said fish from being destroyed by Lanning in said River and also that said Committee make Report to the town at the adjournment of this Meeting

Voted adjourn this Meeting to the next town Meeting to three o'clock after noon

Mr Benjamin Darling
Mr Ebenezer Wood
At a Town Meeting held in Middleboro and continued by adjournment from the 17th of May last after the adjournment being Read adjourned till the next town meeting to three o'clock after noon

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the twenty Ninth Day of November A.D. 1779 at said Meeting Chas. M. Nath. de Wils. Moderator then acted on the following Business as inserted in the Warrant (Viz.)

1st To see if the Town Will Make their Constables a Reasonable Consideration for Gathering the Extraordinary Taxes for the Present year Voted in the Negative

2^d To see if the Town Will Choose other Men to Collect the Taxes the Present year Voted in the Negative then Voted to Adjourn said Meeting & the Moderator declared said Meeting to be Dissolved

At a Town Meeting Held in Middleborough on the Twenty Ninth Day of November by Adjournment from the Second of November at Five o'clock above said the Moderator took his Place then Proceeded to act on the following Business (Viz.)

Silas Leonard's Poll Tax Remitted in Joseph Leonard's Poll Tax; Rate Remitted £4: 12: 4

in said Leonard's Poll Tax and also Voted to allow Pay to Joseph Leonard yet Twenty Shilling for the same sum being Countersit and Spill by the State Treasurer

Bene League Rate Remitted £11: 3: 7 in St. John's William Jones Rate Remitted £9: 16: 0 in St. John's

then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Next Town Meeting to three o'clock after Noon

At a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 17th of May last. Stand adjourned to the Next Town Meeting to four o'clock after Noon

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 17th of May last Voted to stand adjourned to the Next Meeting to three o'clock in the fore Noon

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At a town Meeting continued by adjournment from the second day of November last to Monday the sixth day of March 1780. Then met at the Capt. Prescut Meeting House in Middleboro and then the Moderator took his Place and acted on the following Business (Viz.)

1st after the Varrant being read the town by Vote to adjourn immediately to the House of Lt. John Weston for the sale or disposing of the fish called alewives at the adjournment at the house above said

2nd Voted that the fish called alewives be Taken at the Sliding Mill or Ditch three Days in Each Week and no more according to Law

3rd as usual at the old Store house so called Voted that the Purchaser of the fish to take each one Shilling a hundred in Silver at 6th pence or Silver Dollars at Six Millings a Piece or Gold in Like Proportion and for Farming Produce at the the usual Price at at the year 1775 and Continental Currency as is the present Price in said Farming Produce

4th the Purchaser of said fish to Tell out when Seizures but flew to a Man giving to all an Equal Chance and the Purchaser to be under oath to Render a True account to the town of the alewives taken and disposed of by him with Bonds men for Performance

5th That the above said fish be sold at Vendue to him that will take them Cheapest allowing so much to the Purchaser on the Hundred Pound as they sold for so in Proportion for a Larger or Less Sum

6th Voted that the Select Men agree with the owner or Possessor of the Works at the Sliding Mill for Leave for the fish to be taken as usual without Cost the Purchaser

at said Meeting chose M^r. Isaac Tompson Vendue Master at Middleboro M^r. Nathan Alden appeared to bid the sum of thirty ten Pounds three Shillings out of the Hundred Pound and said

Nathan Alden to Return the other Part to the Town and then the town by Vote declared said Alden to be the Purchaser of said fish and

the taking and disposing of said fish belong to him John Carver & M^r. Nathaniel Alden appeared to be

sworn for said Nathan Alden to perform the town by Vote agreed for John Carver & Nathaniel Alden as Vendue Master at a town meeting continued by adjournment from the 17th of May last to Monday the 13th of March 1780

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at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business Viz. Then Voted to reconsider a Vote Relative to the Towns being Fined in not Raising Twenty Six Men to Reconstitute the Continental Army and also Voted to Reconsider the Vote Relative to the Delinquent Companies in Paying said fine laid on the town by the General Court and also Voted that the Select Men the Town Hall and also Voted that the Select Men for a Return of Grievances Petition the General Court for a Return of Grievances by being fined for not sending a full Quota of men called for for the North River Expedition and also to Defend a President of said Court for the Regimen of the town. Reimbursed to supply the Regimen in Rhode Island service in the year 1778 that went into said service agreeable to the 2nd of the at said Meeting Voted to Chose a Committee of three Men to assist the Select Men in moving said Petition to send to the General Court for the Purpose above said. Committee are

Cor William Shaw
Maj John Nelson
Lt Richard Wood

At a town Meeting continued by adjournment from the second day of November last to Monday the 15th day of March to the Capt. Prescut Meeting House in Middleboro then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Lt John Weston in the Evening at the adjournment at said Weston M^r. Nathan Alden and C^{pt} John Carver and Peter Miller gave Bonds to the town for the Payment of the money that should be due to the town by their Purchaser of the fish called alewives agreeable to Votes of the town at a Meeting being Tenth March or Sixth 1780. in stead of Nathaniel Alden. Then said Peter Miller gave Bonds in stead of Nathaniel Alden. Then the Moderator declared the Meeting to be dissolved

At a town Meeting held in the Capt. Prescut Meeting House in Middleboro by adjournment from the sixth day of March the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business (Viz.)

chose M^r. John Nelson for or Sec^y of the Poor

chose Jos^{ph} Piney for a Saring Constable

chose Es^r Reynolds for Constable

chose James Adams

chose George London

chose Ebenezer Cobb

chose John Norton

chose Jacob Barrett for

chose Nathaniel

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March 13 1780 (128)

Ensign Charles Ellis
Voted to Remit Joseph Bates Rate in Charles Ellis
Bill: £5:2:0
Robert Pierce Rate Remit: £13:4: in debt
Nicholas Webster Rate Remit: 7:11 in debt

Rebbed Scam Rate Remit £2:5:3 Robert Thowling
Voted to Remit Isaac Smith Personal Tax in
Ensign Charles Ellis Bill: £8:2:2

Voted to Remit Samuel Thompson Rate in
Tomson's Bill: the sum of £28:12:6
Then Samuel Eaton & David Weston Requested of the town
the turning of the Road that went through their Land
after the Right being Read the town by Vote accepted the same
Which is Recorded in the Select Men's Book
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The Towns of Bridgewater, Plympton, Hallowell and
Middleborough being met by a Committee to consult the
the Best Members to Rescind the fish Colled obnoxious
Voted to Recommend to the several aforesaid towns
to Choose a Committee of five to Reconsider the River in
Bristol County and Protest all Breaches of Law
Relative to the fish Colled obnoxious

24 Voted to Recommend it to the several aforesaid towns
to Choose a Committee of thirteen Persons to act in
Conjunction for the Purpose aforesaid
34 Voted to Recommend it to the town of Bridgewater to
Choose five to Plympton two to Hallowell one and to Middle-
borough five as a Committee for the Purpose aforesaid
and that said Committee shall Protest the Breaches
of Law as aforesaid in Behalf of said Towns

Feb: 28 1780. Order David Kingman
at said Meeting after the above Report being Read
the town by Vote accepted the same
and also Voted to Choose a Committee of five men
for the Purpose above said
Committee Chosen for the Purpose above said are
Silas Wood
Benjamin Darling
Joseph Lovell
Capt. Amos Washburn
Lt. Zadach Leonard

Then John Shagard and John Miller yd by a Request
to the town for a New Road to be Laid out through
their Land after the Request being Read the town by
Vote accepted the same Which is Recorded in the Select
Men's Book Page: 188

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 16th Day of
March and the moderator Declared this Meeting to be
Adjourned

March 16 1780 (121)

At a Town Meeting Meeting Continued by adjournment
from the Sixth Day of March to the 16th Day of March
To the Eastby Precinct Meeting House in mhd above
at said Meeting the Moderator Took his Place and the
following Persons were Chosen into office (Viz)

Voted to Excuse Enos Reynolds from serving Constable
the Present year
Voted and made Choice of Benjamin Smith Constable
Voted and Chose Seth Mayton and Joshua Shaw
Constables again by Ballot their Note being Warranted
To Take oath
Voted to Excuse Uriah Sampson from serving as an overseer
of the Poor and also to Excuse David Richmond
and also to Excuse Maj: John Nelson serving as an overseer
of the Poor
Voted and made Choice of Ensign Jacob Tompson &
Capt Job Pierce and Deam David Alden to be overseers
of the Poor
Voted to Excuse Lt Zadach Leonard from serving as one
of the Committee to Reconsider the River in Bristol
County and Chose Lt Joseph Tupper to be a Committee
for the Purpose above said

Then the town Provided to Choose following Persons into
office (Viz)

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| Capt. Moses Bourn | Moderator | Committee of Safety or | | |
| Samuel Thomas | | Inspection are | | |
| Rufus Richmond | | Rebbed Sprout | | |
| Abner Nelson | | Caleb Tompson | | |
| Caleb Mayham | | Deam James Shaw | | |
| Joseph Hathaway | Tithing men | Janiel Incket | Hogg | |
| Isaac Hathaway | | Josiah Warren | | Ranc |
| Nathan Richmond | | Josiah Thomas | | |
| Abraham Bennett | | William Richmond | | |
| John Sampson | | Enos Cushman | | |
| Thomas Nathaniel | Live Thomas | Horse | | |
| Elmer Briggs | James Weston | | Rever | |
| Joseph Bates | Abner Wood | | | |
| Capt Job Pierce | | | | |
| Capt Nathaniel Smith | | | | |
| Confeder Benson | | | | |
| James Shaw | Surveyors of High Ways | | | |
| Samuel Nelson | | | | |
| Silas Wood | | | | |
| Lt Joseph Tupper | | | | |
| Lt William Tompson | | | | |

Then the town Provided to the Choice of
Surveyors of High Ways:

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Annual meeting
by the
March 16

Survey
of high
way

Committee
to inspect
the
River
between
Warren
David
Thomas

To
inspect
afterwards
the
Brook
between
Warren
David
Thomas

Wine
to go at
large

Surveyors of High Way, are as follows
Schabbe, Howard Silvanus, Thomas, Nathaniel
Tomson, Thomas, Thomas, Nathaniel, Wilder, Paul
Hathaway, Stephen, Robert, Silas, White, Liberator
Abraham, Thomas, James, Pichens, George, Rine
John, Richmond, D. Jonathan, Fuller, John, Townsend
Eliaser, Thomas, D. Gideon, Southworth, D. Peter, Soale
Isaac, Thomas, D. Ezra, Harlow, H. Jonah, Washburn
Abner, Wood, M. Benson, David, Vaughan
Stephen, Horskins

Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Inspect
Nonesket River to see that the fish called Alewife
have a free Pass up said River to catch their spawn
The said year
Committee to Chuse are Silvanus Warren David
Thomas, & Ephraim Briggs

Voted to allow two Days in a Week to take the fish
called Alewife at Mowasett Brook near Mr Nathaniel
Smiths Dares the Day allowed to take the fish are
Monday and Tuesday and no more
Said Ephraim Briggs to Inspect said Brook to see
that the fish have a free Pass up said Brook into
Pond to Cast their spawn the Present year

Voted to allow the Swine to go at Large yoke
Wring according to Law

Voted and allowed the following Account to be
Paid out of the town Treasurers
March 13 1780: We the Subscribers being Chosen
Committee Examining the accounts of the Committee
Chosen to take care of the Soldiers families we have
according to Comandment said accounts and find Due
from said town unto the Persons here after Named the
Sum following (Viz)

unto Mr Naah Fishman — $F 15 = 3 = 11 \times$
unto John James Shaw — $\times 109 = 8 = 6 \times$
unto Capt Abner Brown — $\times 473 = 11 = 5 \times$
unto Mr James Weston — $\times 152 = 15 = 4 \times$
unto Mr John Tinkham — $\times 340 = 0 = 0 \times$
unto Capt Henry Pines — $\times 247 = 15 = 0 \times$
unto Capt Job Pines — $\times 220 = 19 = 0 \times$
unto Mr Eliaser Thomas — $\times 17 = 9 = 9 \times$

$\times 677 = 8 = 11$
Jacob Tomson Jr
Isaac Tomson
Isaac Soale
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Annual
meeting
by the
March 16

War
Shaw
to

Paul
Hobson

Wall
a
Smith

Paul
Baptist

Radack
Leon

Paul
Raymond

Wittell
Wilder

David
Thomas

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There is a Mistake made by the Appear
In Nathl Foster Dues Bills Last year of £181.24
The town of Middleborough to William Shaw for
to time and Expenses attending the
first Session September 4 1779

To Inspect
To Expenses
Second Session to 12 Days in Day $\pounds 30 = 18 = 0$
To Expenses
Third Session 18 Days at p. Day $87 = 10 = 0$
Expenses total of $\pounds 101.74 = 0$
No of Days spent 38 $45.12 = 0$
To 3 Journeys of my horse to Cambridge at $40.10 = 0$

The town of Middleborough Dr to Samuel Adams for
making Rates to Six Days at $\pounds 2.00$ p. Day $\pounds 12.00$
Dr to Spect of Paper at 3 p. Sheet 24.12
Total $\pounds 36.12$

Town of Middleborough Dr to making Rates 6 Days
at $\pounds 6.00$ p. Day $\pounds 36.00$ Dr to 4 Sheets of 14 p. Sheet
Total $\pounds 64.00$

Town of Middleborough to Nathl Smith for making Rates
in April 1779 Six Days at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day in September 6 Days
at $\pounds 4.00$ p. Day in February 1780 6 Days at $\pounds 6.00$ p. Day
To one half Quire of Paper $\pounds 1.44 = 0$ Total $\pounds 69.44 = 0$

The town of Middleborough to David Brown for 7 Days making
Rates at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day to 6 Sheets of Paper at 3 p. Sheet to 6
Days making Rates at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day to 4 Sheets of Paper at 3 p.
to 6 Days making Rates at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day to 4 Sheets of Paper at
3 p. Sheet Total $\pounds 79.07 = 0$

Town of Middleborough to Radack Leonard for Sept 1779
To Six Days making up bills at $\pounds 4.00$ p. Day $\pounds 24.00$
to 4 Sheets of Paper at 1 p. Sheet $\pounds 4.00$
Feb 1780 to 6 1/2 Days making up Rates at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day
to 6 Sheets of Paper at 1 p. Sheet $\pounds 12.00$
Sum total $\pounds 64.00 = 0$

The town of Middleborough Dr to Samuel Raymond
for making Rates in April 1779 6 Days at $\pounds 8.00$ p. Day
to Six Sheets of Paper at 3 p. Sheet $\pounds 12.00$
to making Rates in Sept 1779 6 Days at $\pounds 4.00$ p. Day
to Six Sheets of Paper at 3 p. Sheet to making Rates
in February 1780 6 Days at $\pounds 6.00$ p. Day to Six Sheets
of Paper at 3 p. Sheet Sum total $\pounds 77.22 = 0$

The town of Middleborough to Nathl Wilder Dr for
Serving it town as Town for the year 1779
Total March 18 1780 $\pounds 60.00 = 0$

The town of Middleborough to David Thomas for
for Interest Money $\pounds 4 = 15 = 2$
March 3 1780

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Town of Middleboro
March 16
Money
Tolson

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Town of Middleboro To Isaac Tompson Dr as follows viz
To a Journey my self and horse to Boston for an out of
what the town of Middleboro have supplied Soldiers families
to pay in monthly installments for £185-10-0 it being for
Money received to pay mileage to the nine months most that
was paid in July 1779 Sum Total £235-2-
Told at Middleboro March 13 1780

Joseph
Loud

Town of Middleboro to Joseph Loud Dr to making
a coffin for the Vid. Anna Bennett £6-0-0
Middleboro March 16 1780

Thomas
Reading

Town of Middleboro to Thomas Reading Dr to buying a
grave for the Vid. Anna Bennett £3-0-0

Robert
Hearse

Robert Hearshe Dr to allow and pay to Robert Hearshe Dr Constable for
Twenty Dollars which the State Treasurer called
for Contempt and put holes through and spite

Then voted
to adjourn
this meeting
to Monday
the 3rd day
of April
at 10 o'clock
for new

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday
the third day of April next to ten o'clock in the
Morning to said meeting house in said town

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournments
from March the Sixth to April 22 B. A. D 1780
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at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then
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Committee
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on a motion Made and seconded that a Committee be
appointed to examine into the two last assessments and
make Report on adjournments Relative to the said assessments
Wherefore it is that there is an application made
to said town by mistake in said assessment Voted and
also Voted to Choose three men said Committee
Capt William Shaw
Mr Ebenezer Sprout
Capt Josiah Corcor

John
Chase

Voted and allowed to be Paid to Job Chase one of
the Committee for supplying the families of the
Soldiers the Sum of £245-5-6

John
Miller

Charges arisen on Joshua White's Procuring an Indictment
against Caleb Tompson James Shaw and John Miller
Committee of Middleboro Charges in Preparing the
Petition attendances to Court and lawneys and all Expenses
with Court fees Voted £18-5-0

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Town of Middleborough To Job Chase Dr 1780
for the account of the Expenses towards the
to building the account of the Expenses towards the
Soldiers families in said Middleboro agreeable to the first
to make a Return into the Secretary's office £15-0-0
Voted

Joseph
Loud

Voted to Remitt in Samuel Tucker Bills the Sum of
£18-3-4 that was offered to Joseph Loud's Bills

Joseph
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Joseph Cobb Remitted £1-1-0 in Joseph Loud's Bills
Reuben Thomas' Rate Remitted £1-0-0
Salomon Cobb's Rate Remitted 5-13-3
Josiah Harlow's Rate Remitted 3-6-2

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To examine the states of the several foot
companies in this town relative to the new doing
service in this war and also the men that are
debtors to be called upon to do their equal
preparation in said service and that said committee
shall make report at the adjournment of this meeting

Voted to choose a committee of three men to send
a petition to the Grand and General Court to
prevent the soldiers being that may be raised in
this town from being put under Continental officers

and also voted that said petition be sent to the
Grand Court as soon as may be and also voted to send
letters to the neighboring towns to see if they
will join in said petition

Committee chosen for the purpose above said are
M^r John Nelson
S^r James Smith
C^{pt} William Tappan

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At a Town Meeting held in the Eastbury Precinct
Meeting house in Middleborough on the Eighth day
of May A.D. 1780: M^r John Millen & M^r William
Harris were chosen to serve on the Grand jury at the
Next Superior Court to be holden at Plymouth
and C^{pt} Henry Pierce & M^r John Piers were ap-
pointed by drawing out of this Box as the Law directs to
serve on the jury of trials at the Next Superior Court
of Indictments Court of assizes and General Goal held
to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth on
the third Tuesday of May next

At a Town Meeting held in the Eastbury Precinct
Meeting House in Middleborough on the Eighth day
of May A.D. 1780: At said Meeting Chose M^r Nathaniel
Widder Moderator
to have a Constitution or form of Government agreed
upon by the Delegates of the People of this State
at said Meeting on a Motion moved and seconded to
see where the town would receive the said Constitution
or form of Government as it now stands Voted in the
affirmative then Voted that M^r Isaac Backus Read the
Constitution or form of Government to the town
Voted that each man may make known his mind
relative to each article in said Constitution
At said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of thirteen
men to examine into the articles of the said Constitution
and to make report to the town at the adjournment of
this Meeting: Committee are M^r John Millen: Isaac
Benjamin Thomas C^{pt} William Shaw M^r Isaac Backus
S^r Samuel Clark Ebenezer Wood M^r Isaac Soule
S^r James Shaw M^r Henry Wood M^r John Nelson
M^r Benjamin Darling S^r M^r Solomon Read and
C^{pt} Henry Pierce Committee

to see if the town will choose any other man or men as
Delegates in stead of the Present Members Chosen by this
Town to form the above said Constitution or form of Government
at said Meeting Voted that the Present Members who
have served this town as Delegates relative to said Constitution
or form of Government be continued in said office as Delegates
then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the May meeting
for a Representative to eight o'clock in the morning

May 22 At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the 22nd Day of May A.D. 1780 At said Meeting Doctor Samuel (Chapin) Was Chosen to represent this town at a Great and general Court of this State to be holden at the State House in Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Instant and to securing the Session and Sessions of said Court for the year ensuing

Annual Town Meeting Continued by Adjournment to the 22nd Day of May A.D. 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in said town at said Meeting Excused by Vote Dehabod Wood from serving a Surveyor of high Ways, and Chose Lt Daniel Thoms Surveyor of high Ways in his stead at said Meeting by Vote Excused Capt Job Peirce and Junr said Alden from serving as over seers of the Poor and Chose Mr Ezra Clark & Mr Isaac Pinkham over seers of the Poor The following Sums to be Paid out of the town Treasury To the town of Middleboro forty two Pounds & for Pence hired by the Select men of Middleboro sprout June 1779 Paid away for Provision for Soldiers families by me Mrs Nelson £42:2:4 Interest 18:0:0

Voted to Pay to Zebadec Sprout for his Services as one of the Delegates to Concord £20:0:0

Voted to Remit Abraham Vaughan's Rate in the Last Assessment and also his assessments for the future so long as he takes care of his aged Mother and the town becomes so fast by her maintenance

Voted to Let William Tompson the Sum of £225:9:11 for Mistake in his Rate Bills the said Sum to be Paid out of the same Commission of Money & no other

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Next town meeting to one o'clock in the after Noon

At a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 17th of May A.D. 1779 at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place said Meeting Being Continued by Reason that the Town was fined by the General Court by not sending a full Quota of men to join the Continental army which article with others in the Warrant being acted upon The town by Vote Dehabod said Meeting then the Moderator Enquired said Meeting to be Defolved after Mr Barrows from the

Represent
Chosen
By
Said
Court

Annual
Meeting
by adjournment

Said
Thomas
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Surveyor
of high
ways
Ezra
Clark
Isaac
Pinkham
over
seers of
poor
Mrs
Nelson

Zebadec
Sprout

Abraham
Vaughan

W
Tompson

Town
meeting
adjourned

Town
meeting
adjourned
from 17th of
May 1779
Dehabod

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the 22nd Day of May A.D. 1780 by Adjournment from the 3rd Day of April at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place and the Report of their Committee is as follows We the Subscribers being Chosen at a Town Meeting held in this town on April 3rd 1780 to View a House that belongs to this town and Judge whether said House was convenient for the Reception of said Poor We hereby Inform the Town that we have at least said service and so determine that it be best for the Interest of the town to hire a house for said Poor for the present year Ezra Clark Isaac Pinkham said We for the present year Ezra Clark Isaac Pinkham middleborough May 22nd 1780 William Tupper John Leonard

at said Meeting Voted when the House owned by Capt Samuel Thacher for the Reception of the towns Poor and that there be Paid to Capt Saml Thacher for the hire of said House Five Silver Dollars or their Value in Paper Currency and also Voted to sell the House now owned by the town and Chose Mr Isaac Tompson to sell the said House and the Money to be Paid down at the sale of said House Mr Isaac Tompson to be accountable to the town for the same

and also Voted that the Committee Chosen on the third Day of April Last to send a Petition to the General Court to see if they could prevent any Soulders that are Raised in this town from being Put under Continental officers Voted that the Vote Relative to said Petition be reconsidered and so Petition be sent to Court then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 5th Day of June to eight o'clock in fore Noon

At a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 5th Day of May to the 22nd Day of May to Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough A.D. 1780 at said Meeting Voted Not to accept of the Report of their Committee Relative to the New frames of Government and also Voted to Chose a Committee of fifteen Men to Examine into the New Constitution or frame of Government and said Committee to Make Report at the adjournment of this Meeting Committee are Mr Zebadec Sprout Capt Abijah Pinkham Ben Benja Thomas Mr James Peirce Lt Dehabod Wood Mr Samuel Partridge Mr Ezra Clark Lt David Scarr Capt Josiah Conner Mr William Bunnick Mr William Worles Mr John Alden & Capt Thomas Wapburn Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 5th Day of June to nine o'clock in the morning

Town
meeting
by adjournment
from 3rd Day
of April

Report
Committee
Chosen
by the
Town

to hire
House
for the
poor
to sell
the house
owned by
the town

Not to
accept of
the
report
of the
committee
relative
to the
new
frames of
government

Town
meeting
by adjournment
from 5th Day
of May

Town
meeting
by adjournment
from 5th Day
of May

At a Legal Town Meeting Held in the Craftory Point
Meeting House in Middletown on the fifth Day of
June A.D. 1790 Continued by adjournments from the
Eighth Day of May Last to hear a Constitution or frame
of Government agreed upon by the Delegates of the People
of the State of Massachusetts Bay

16y of the State of ~~Mass~~ ^{Mass} at said Meeting Voted Not Receive the Constitution or frame of Government as it now stands yeas 0- Nays 220 Voted that ^{the} Governor's Power Relative to his sending troops out of the State or Raising Troop^s for Defending said State Be With ^{the} Advice and Consent of the Senate and House of Representatives Voted to accept of the Constitution or frame of Government by the amendments there to make yeas for the Constitution with the amendments 173- Nays 3

29 Sanctioned
Voted to accept of the Constitution or frame of Government
by the amendments there to made year for the Constitution
with the amendment 1735 May 3

At said Meeting Voted^o Reconsider a Vote Passed at a town meeting on the Eighth Day of May Relative to the former Deligate being Continued in office Voted that the former Deligate (viz) Mr John Miller & Capt William Shaw be Discharged from any further Service as Deligates

at said Meeting voted to elect three men to serve as Delegates at a Convention to be held relative to the frame of Government the Persons chosen to serve the town of Peligot are Mr Zebadiah Sprunt Ben Benjamin Thomas and
+ Sgt William Tompon

Then the Moderator Declared the Meeting to be Dissolved
at 11 o'clock

Very much
for duty
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James L
Ind. dish
millers

at a town meeting held in the Easterly Present Meeting house
in Middleborough on the fifth day of June A D 1780
at said meeting James Lebaron & Edsial Miller were
appointed to serve on the Jury of Tryal by being sworn out of
Jesse as the Law directs at the Quartering Court or the
Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth for said County
Plymouth on the first Tuesday of July next

At a town Meeting held on the. Eafterday Prisoner Meeting
House in Middleborough on the fifth Day of June A.D. 1748
Continued by adjournments from the third Day of April
at said Meeting Voted that the Souldiers that are Raised in
this town be Raised by a Town tax for the father appealable to
To a persons Vote
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting as it now stands to the
next town Meeting to one o'clock in the after-noon
To this done D^y meeting kept
Continued by adjournments from the

this town on
 To a previous vote
 Then voted to adjourn this meeting as it was found to the
 next town meeting to one o'clock in the afternoon
 To this done so meeting broke
 adjourned by adjournments from the

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Next town Meeting to one o'clock in the afternoon
to the above meeting house

~~South~~ Town Meeting continued by adjournments from the
first day of March to the fifth day of June 1780 to the next
town Meeting in Middleborough
at said meeting Voted to Excuse John Morton from serving
Assessor and Chas. Joshua White Upr Messor
Voted that the money to be paid to Lt William Tompson be
disposed to the adjournment & no order given
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to next town Meeting
to two o'clock in the afternoon to said Meeting house in
said town

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting is to be held at
to two o'clock in the afternoon to said Meeting house in
said town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly
Present Meeting House in Middleborough on
Friday the 14 Day of June A.D. 1780

Wednesday
At said meeting Chas Mth Isaac Thompson Moderator
at said meeting the Town Past the following votes
agreeable to the provisions of the warrant viz
To wit

agreeable to the Sentiments of the Assembly 1722
to pass a Resolve of the Great and General Court of this
State Relative to the Raising men to reinforce the army
fifty five is the Number assigned for this town to Raise for this
term of six months
to raise the Men for the Service above

fifty five is the number of
term of six months
Voted for the term to Raise the Men for the Service above
said. Voted that the Select Men act a Convention with the
Commission officers to Raise the men for the Service above
said. Give his Security to the men

Noted that the town Treasurers gave an order for \$1000.00 to be paid to the S. L. T. men that engage in said service by order of the S. L. T. men that engage in said service or that is

that Engage in Said Service by the
Noted that the men that Engage in Said Service or that is
hired in Said Service the Security if any are Demanded to be
Given is to be Given in form of Produce or Silver money
or Lumber or Paper Currency

Voted for the town to meet at Mr Levi Wood on Tuesday
at ten o'clock in the fore noon

at ten o'clock in the fore noon
Voted to Choose two men to be assisting with Lt Joseph Hap-
and Lieut James Smith Relative to Buying Powder the men
Chosen are Joseph Cushman & Capt Edmund Sparrow —

Chapin and Joseph Cushman & Capt. Edmund Sparrow
Voted that the Select Men and officers agree with the one
that engage in said Service when the Security shall be

That Engage in said Service when the Security shall
Come Payable
Voted that the Town Treasurer hire Money for the help
of the Men if wanted

Then voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 20th of Jan
at 2 o'clock the afternoon to the house of Mr. Linn Wood

Then voted to go to the school room to the house of N. L. Wood
the Moderator declared the meeting to be adjourned

From
meeting
held
Day of
April
18, 1888

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house on the 14th day of June. Continued by adjournments from the third day of April at said Meeting the Moderator took place. Resolved to adjourn this Meeting to the Next Town Meeting held in said meeting house, to & one o'clock the after Noon.

normal
Town
meeting
adjourn

the after Noon
Annual Town Meeting held in the Eastern Precinct
Meeting house in Middleborough on the 14th Day of
Sept continued by adjournments to the 14 Day of

Meeting house in said town
 March Last Continued by adjournments to the 14 Day of
 to the above said Meeting house in said town
 at said Meeting Chas. M. Spear Moderator for
 being absent then Voted

at said Meeting Chas. M. Chase temporary moderator of
the day the former moderator being absent then voted
to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting held in
the lower aid meeting house to two o'clock in the afternoon

Annual
Town Meeting
Continued
July 10

Annual Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on the 10 day of July 1780 Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of March Last at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place

At said Meeting Voted that any of Constables that collected the last assessment in the year 1779 that complain that there is mistakes in their Bills that the Assessors who made said assessments examine said Bills and make Report to the Town

Small
Tucker

Voted to Remit William Jones Rate in Small Tucker's Bill the sum of £12 = 13:0 and also Zenas Warren's Rate Remitted £6 = 0 = 0 in said Tucker's Bills

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next town meeting or to Sunday the 27th day of July to four o'clock in the afternoon to said Meeting house in said town

Town
meeting
July 10
Adjourn
from
the
10th
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men

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 10 day of July 1780 Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of March Last

at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business

Adjourn
from
the
10th
month
men

Voted that each Spilled that Engage in the Six Months Services shall on Note of the town of Fifteen Hundred of Blooded Bar Iron or from Powder in Proportion to said Iron = at 100 per hundred as a bounty

to a bounty
to each
man
in that
3000 not
taken
10 day
for his
own
house

Voted that the men that Engage in the above said Service and do not take Muster at head Quarters shall have only his Proportion of Iron or Powder for the time that he is from home allowing him 100 days for his Return home Voted that the Committee and officers of the said Company Use their best Endeavor to raise said Men on the town's Bounty

Select
men to
have
money
of the
Constable

at said Meeting Voted that the Select Men Call on the Several Constables of this town for the money they have collected in order to pay the Men their Money and the town to Indemnify said Constables

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Sunday the 27th day of July to one o'clock in the afternoon to said Meeting house in said town

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on the 10 day of July 1780 Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of July at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Sunday the 27th day of July to three o'clock in the afternoon to the above said Meeting house in said town

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on the 10 day of July Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of July at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 28th day of July to three o'clock in the afternoon to said Meeting house in said town

Annual Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of March Last to the 10th day of July 1780 to said Meeting house in Middleborough

at said Meeting Chosen Isaac Tompson Moderator for the day the former Moderator being absent at said Meeting Voted to excuse Lt Ezra Warlow from serving Survey or of high Ways & being bound into the Service and Chosen Henry Wood Surveyor in his stead then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next town Meeting

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house on the 24 day of July 1780 Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of July to the above said day at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next town Meeting to one o'clock in the afternoon

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the fourteenth day of June to the 24 day of July 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business (Viz) on a Motion being made and seconded to know whether it be the mind of the town whether the officers of the several foot Companies, one Demanded Relative to a fine in not Raising their full Proportion of Men for the Six Months Service Voted that the officers are not Indemnified Relative to a fine if laid on and also Voted not to Indemnify the officers and also Voted not for the officers to pay said fine if laid on by the General Court Voted to Indemnify Mr Isaac Tompson and others who gave their own Security to Samuel Tucker for money to pay the Money to the Soldiers

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to this day fortnight to two o'clock in the afternoon

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 24 day of July 1780 Continued by adjournment from the 24 day of July at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business

at said Meeting Voted that the Select Men Send a Petition to the Great and General Court to see if they can secure this town Relative to any fine in not Raising their full Quota of Men for the Six months Service and the three months Service then Voted the Committee be Continued for the Purpose of Raising said Men for the Service and also Voted they are their best Endeavor for Raising said Men

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to this day fortnight to three o'clock in the afternoon

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 7th day of August 1780 Continued by adjournments from June 14th 1780 The Clerk being absent the town Proceeded to the following

- 1st Made Choice of William Shaw as Clerk for the Day
- 2^d the Moderator being absent made Choice of Col^l. Ebra^l. Sprout Moderator for the Day
- 3^d Voted to adjourn said Meeting to Monday August 14th 1780 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Mr Shaw Clerk for Town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the 7th day of August 1780 Continued by adjournments from the 3rd day of July 1780 the moderator and Clerk being absent

- 1st Made Choice of William Shaw Clerk for the Day
 - 2^d made Choice of Col^l. Ebra^l. Sprout Moderator for the Day
- Then Proceeded to adjourn said Meeting to August 14th 1780 at three o'clock in the afternoon at Mr Shaw Clerk for Town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 14th day of August A D 1780

At said Meeting Chose Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator
At said Meeting Voted to act on the first article in the Petition to the Legislature to choose a Committee of five men to examine the new frame of Government at the Constitution and also Voted that said Committee send Circular Letters to the Neighbouring towns. Relative to said Constitution and also Voted that said Committee be as expeditious as possible and make Report to the town at the adjournment of this meeting and also Voted it be Left Discretionary with said Committee what Town to write to Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in September Next to half an hour Past Eight o'clock in the morning to said meeting house in said town
Headed said Committee are
Mr Zebadiah Sprout Mr Debedad Wood Mr John Miller. Jers Benjamin Thomas & Batchelor Benenath

Annual Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the sixth day of March Last to the 11th day of August A D 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough
at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of September Next to Eight o'clock in the fore noon to said meeting house in said town

At Town Meeting meeting Continued by adjournment from the third day of April Last to Monday the 14th day of August A D 1780 at said meeting Voted and adopted of What Mr Isaac Tompson did Relate to the house owned by the town See Next Page

Received of Isaac Tompson the Sum of Two Hundred Sixteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and six Pence it being the sum that the House and other articles that belonged to the Town of Middleborough standing and being on the 1st day of Mr Abial Woodman's death at Middleborough this 1st day of June 1780 Town May Relieve at Middleborough this 1st day of June 1780 then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of September Next to Nine o'clock in the morning to said Meeting house in said town

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournments from the fourteenth day of June Last to August the 14th 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of September Next to half an hour Past Nine o'clock in the forenoon to said Meeting house in said town

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the third day of July Last to August the 14th 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in said town
At said Meeting Voted that the men that engage in the three month service shall receive two hundred and a Quarter of Blowing Iron at each to be paid per month or form Provisions in Proportion to said Iron
Then Voted that the Committee of the Poor be desired to raise said men for the service above said
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of September Next to ten o'clock in the morning to said Meeting house in said town

At a town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 4th day of September A D 1780 at said Meeting the following Persons were appointed to serve on the Petition Being sworn out of the Bond of the Law Court to serve on the Jury at the next Inferior Court or the Sessions of the Superior Court at Plymouth, Wiltshire and for said County of Wiltshire on the first Monday of October Next the Persons to choose are John Miller and Nath^l. Billington

Annual Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the sixth day of March Last to the 11th day of August 1780 to the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough at said Meeting Voted to choose Eight Collectors to Collect the Taxes of this town for the present year

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Rowland Benson | } Collectors |
| Zerob Cushman | |
| Samuel Cushman | |
| Jonathan Washburn | |
| John Richmond | |
| Job Pierce | |
| William Warlow Jr | |
| Wesley Partridge | |

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at said Meeting Voted that the following accounts and Remittances of Rates be Paid out of the town Treas^{re}

Joseph Robbins Rate Remitted £4: 16: 0 in William

Thomas Tupper's Rate Remitted £34: 3: 8 in Sarah

Benjamin Bryant's Rate Remitted £34: 13: 0 in Sarah

James Lebaron one Rate Remitted in Males Rate

Sitta Abraham Vaughans Rate £7 = 3 = 4

Sitta William Wood Rate £14 = 7: 11

Joseph Bates Rate Remitted 22: 0 = 0 in Seth Morton

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Next town Meeting to one o'clock in the after Noone

The town of Middleborough to John Miller in the

Convention 26 days the Expenses going and coming

from £64 = 0 = 0 Expenses there with 2 Journeys

of my horse £112 = 10 = 0 and Expenses a coming

Home - £10 = 0 Total Sum £179 = 0

Town of Middleborough to Wm. Tupper for

to my Expenses when a Delegate for the town of Middle

at the Convention that meet at Boston in June last to

propose the form of Constitution or form of Government

for the State of Massachusetts the sum

to Paying for my first Night Lodging £1: 16 = 0

to Paying for my Board while in Boston being eight Days

to Cost of keeping my horse one Night £7 = 10 = 0

to Cost of Shaving & Lint - £8 = 0 = 0

Sum £26 = 18 = 0

The town Meeting held in the Easterly Present Meeting

house in Middleborough on the 2^d day of September Continued

by adjournment from the third day of July last at said

Meeting the Moderator took his Place at said Meeting

Voted that this Meeting be Dissolved

at the above Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Present

Meeting House in Middleborough on the 4th day of

September A.D. 1780 Continued by adjournment from

the third day of April last at said Meeting Voted

at said Meeting Voted that this Meeting should adjourn

Monday the 18th of September to three o'clock in the

after Noon to the above said Meeting house in

said town

At a Local Town Meeting held in Middleborough

on Sunday the 4th day of September A.D. 1780

at said Meeting the town Voted the following Votes

agreeable to the late Convention for a Governor & Governor

and Senators viz

the Hon^{ble} John Hancock & J^r of Boston + + + + +

Sitta the Hon^{ble} James Bowdoin Esq^r of Boston + +

Sitta M^r Zebadiah Sprout of Middleboro +

Benjamin Lincoln Esq^r of Kingham + + + + +

Hon^{ble} James Bowdoin of Boston Sitta +

George Partridge Esq^r of Dorchester + + + + +

Sitta Captⁿ Nathan Moulton of Bridgewater + + + + +

Col^l Ebenezer White of Middleboro + + + + +

M^r Bartholomew Bennett of Middleboro +

At said Meeting Voted by the town that the

Returns of the Select Men to the Secretarys office

that the Rest of the Town were against giving in

their Votes for a Governor & Governor & Senators

John Dean } Select

Commander } men of

Then the Select Men Declined the meeting to be Dissolved

at the above Town Clerk

at a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the

fourteenth day of June last to the 4th day of September 1780

to the Easterly Present Meeting house in Middleboro

at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday

the eighteenth day of September to one o'clock in the

after Noon to the above said Meeting house in said town

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Present

Meeting House in Middleborough on the 4th day of

September A.D. 1780 Continued by adjournment from

the third day of April last at said Meeting Voted

at said Meeting Voted to choose a Committee of three

Men viz M^r Zebadiah Sprout

M^r Zebadiah Wood

Then Benjamin Thomas be Laid before

Voted that the Protest if any be Laid before

The town for their approbation and be sent with the

Select Men Returns Relative to the above said

State officers

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 18th day

of September to two o'clock in the afternoon

Benjamin Thomas

22nd Feb^y 1780

Eliza Thomas

Adjournment
Town Meeting
14th Day of Sept^r
of Sept^r

Town Meeting
14th Day of Sept^r
to the 14th Day of Oct^r

Annual Town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the Sixth Day of March last to the 1st Day of September 1780 at the Coffin's Present Meeting house in Middleboro

The Town of Middleboro to Ben Benjamin Thomas Esq^r as followeth (viz) June 23rd 1780 To my Expenses at Boston When a Delegate for said Middleboro at the Late Convention to form a New Constitution or form of Government for the State of Massachusetts by Date at Middleboro Sept^r 1st 1780

At said Meeting Jos^{ph} Pierce Esq^r Paid his Fine for Not serving a Collection of Taxes the Present year

Eliza Wood had one Pale Rate Remitted £22.0.0 in full

At said Meeting Voted to Indemnify M^r Eliza Thomas Relative to £20.0.0 he has paid for the support of the Soldiers families the money to be Paid into Town Treas^{ry} Said Late

Adj^d Jos^{ph} Pierce Esq^r Collection of Taxes

Then Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Ninth of October to four o'clock in the afternoon

At a town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the third Day of April to the 1st Day of Sept^r 1780 at said Meeting Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Ninth Day of October to four o'clock in the afternoon

At a town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the fourteenth Day of June to the 1st Day of September 1780 at said Meeting Voted to be Adjourned said Meeting

Adj^d Jos^{ph} Pierce Esq^r Abner Barrows Town Clerk

At a town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the fourteenth Day of August to the 1st Day of September 1780 at said Meeting Voted to accept of the Report of their Committee (viz)

Middleboro Sept^r 1st 1780

At a Meeting held by adjournment in the town of Middleboro on said Day then said Town by a Vote Protested against Choosing a Governor or any other officer in consequence of this late new Constitution or form of Government

Said town at a very full Meeting in order to Make Return to Convention Concerning said form of Government were very Unanimously against it as it then stood because not good and are still against it because not fairly settled upon us

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the Ninth Day of October to four o'clock in the afternoon

Collect^r

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Annual Town Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the sixth Day of March last to the Ninth Day of October 1780 at said Meeting Voted to Excuse Said Taxes from serving a Collector and Made Choice of Ebenezer Wilson Collector

Then Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 23rd Day of October to four o'clock after noon

At a town Meeting held in the Postoffice Present Meeting house in Middleborough on the Ninth Day of October 1780 to act on such business as might be in the warrant (viz) for the Choice of a Representative at said Meeting Voted to Choose but one Representative Voted and Made Choice of M^r Zedee Sprout to Represent this town at a general and General Court of this State to be holden at Boston on the Last Wednesday of October Next & to be there during the Session or Sessions then the Select men desired the Meeting to be Adjourned

At a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the fourteenth Day of August last to the Ninth Day of October 1780 at said Meeting the moderator took his Place then acted on the following business or business in the warrant (viz) We three Subscribers having been Chosen by the town of Middleboro to Prepare a method of Proceeding to the Towns coming to gather to Lay before the town when they do come to gather in order to Raise Wherewith to Pay the two Last Delinquents of men Raised in said town to Reinforce the Continental Army and also to Pay for Sundry Horses Raised by said town for the use of the Army

Do Report as followeth (viz)

It is our opinion it is best to Vote a Sum ad Equale to be paid above said in Paper Currency of the Present Edition amongst us

That the Collector and Treasurer be Directed to Receive in Pay for said tax Bloom^d bar Iron at the Rate of four hundred Dollars per Hundred

That the Collector and Tre^s be Directed to Receive in Pay for said tax any of the Notes given for Razing the above said build or horses Iron specified in said notes to be allowed at 400 Dollars per hundred and also said Collector and Tre^s are Directed to Receive of any Person Receipts or orders on the Treasurer signed by any Person that have said notes for said Soldiers or for said horses the Receipts or orders specifying the Quantity of Iron that is Received on the Iron notes

That the Collector and Tre^s be Directed to Receive in Pay for said farming Produce Equivalent to Iron at 400 Dollars per hundred

That any Person taking order or Receipt of any that have any of said notes shall be Directed on their notes and No Indorsement shall be made after whole of the Note is Paid with the Date and accepted by the town

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At said Meeting Voted to Raise the Sum of one hundred and forty Eight Thousand and three hundred Pounds on the Pools and Estates of the Inhabitants of this town for the Payment of the Soldiers and other Charges of said town
 Said Sum to Paid into the town Treasury the first Day of December Next Coming
 Then Voted to Adjourn this meeting Henceforward Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Ninth Day of October 1780 at said Meeting Chose M^r Isaac Tompson Moderator
 Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 23rd Day of October to three o'clock in the afternoon

at a town meeting Continued by adjournment from the third Day of April last to the Ninth Day of October 1780
 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 23rd Day of October to two o'clock in the afternoon

at a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleboro: on the 23rd Day of October then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 30th Day of October said Meeting being Continued from the 23rd Day of April last

At a town Meeting held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleboro on Monday the 23rd Day of October A D 1780
 at said Meeting Chose M^r Isaac Tompson Moderator
 Voted to Give Instructions to their Representatives and Chose a Committee of three to Give said Instructions which they did the town by Vote accepted the same

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To hear orders of the Great and General Court of this State Relative to Raising a Quantity of Beef in this town for the use of the army
 Voted to Provide what be for money agreeable to the later Resolves of this State
 Then Voted to Chose a Committee of eight to Provide the Beef for the purpose above said
 S^t William Tompson M^r James Smith: Henry Leonard Lewis Wood S^t Amos Washburn Roger Washburn Jacob Thomas and Batchelor Bennett
 Voted to Raise a Sum of Money in this town to Provide Beef Voted to Raise £310 00 Voted that any man that turns out beef or money to be Paid the next town take or longer
 Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday 30th of October

£3100

At a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the Ninth Day of October to Monday the 23rd Day of October 1780
 at said Meeting Voted to Sell the Privilege of the Alewife fishing in said town the ensuing year at the Slitting mill Ditch after the same manner that they were disposed of Last year

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the House of Colonel Ebenezer Sprunt for the Sale and Disposing of said fish at said Meeting Chose M^r Joseph Ripling Moderator
 Then S^t Zadock Leonard appeared to Bid the Sum of thirteen Pounds out of each hundred by him given to the above to be Returned to the town as in the Sale of said fish the Last year

Then the town Duell the said S^t Zadock Leonard to be the Purchaser of said fish and the taking and Disposing said fish Belonged to him then Siler Wood and Jonathan Woods of Bridgewater appeared to be Sureties for said Leonard's Performance and the town by vote accepted this
 Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the 30th Day of October to one o'clock in the afternoon

Annals Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the sixteenth Day of March last to Monday the 23rd Day of October 1780 at said Meeting the moderator being not Present the town Chose M^r Isaac Tompson Moderator for the day at said Meeting Excused Joseph Leonard yth from being Collector and Chose John Montgomery Treasurer
 at said Meeting Voted to allow and Pay to Joseph Harold the Sum of £40 6 = 1 = 1 for a mistake in his bills
 Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 30th Day of October

fish
 S^t Zadock

Annals Town Meeting Continued to Monday the 30th Day of October 1780
 at said Meeting Excused John Montgomery and S^t Zadock from being Collector and Chose Joseph Leonard yth Treasurer
 at said Meeting Voted to Excuse of Benoni Lucas a Collector in Rome and Head of Roland Benson with said Benson Withdraw becoming Surety for said Lucas Performance
 Then of Middleboro to Joseph Leonard S^r in taking care of the fish from Tinton River £30 = 0 = 0

Collector

Joseph Leonard

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April 1st 1779 the town of Middleboro to Silas Wood inspecting Nemaquot River to see that the fish had a free pass up said River £18:10:0
 Move to My Self & horse five day and Expenses in Reconsitering the River in the County of Bristol With the Committee Chosen for that Purpose £75:00:0

The town of Middleborough to Benjamin Darling Sr 4 1/2 day Reconsitering the River and 1/2 day meeting the Committee at 15th day - £75:00:0

The town of Middleboro to Amos Washburn Sr 10 1/2 day to one day and a half in Reconsitering the Gate River - £22:10:0

Joseph The town of Middleboro to Joseph Tupper Sr 4 1/2 days inspecting the River in Bristol County at 15th day - £60:00:0

The town of Middleboro to Jacob Farnam Jr 10 day making Rates at 10th day - £84:00:0
 Jacob to 8 sheets of Paper at 10th day -

The Town of Middleboro to George Leonard Jr to 7 day Making Rates at 10th day to 3 sheets of Paper at 10th day - £1:10:0

The town of Middleboro to Noah Clarke Jr to 8 days Making Rates at 10:00:0 per day - £80:00:0

The town of Middleboro to Ebenezer Cobb Jr to 9 days Making Rates at 10:00:0 per day to 7 sheets of Paper at 10th day - £93:10:0

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Next town Meeting

Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the third day of April to the 30th day of October 1780 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Next town Meeting to one o'clock in the after Noon

Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 23rd day of October to the 30th day of October 1780 of the Committee at said Meeting Mr Levi Wood one of the Committee for supplying with Beef for the use of the army Report to the town that he had supply with Beef 2352 for 2100 of horn at said meeting Voted to accept of the above Report and to indemnify said Wood

Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Next town Meeting to two o'clock in the after noon

Silas Wood

Amos Washburn

George Leonard

Noah Clarke

Ebenezer Cobb

annual town meeting adjourned

the third day of October

town meeting adjourned to the 30th day of October

the 30th day of October

at a town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the Ninth day of October to the 30th day of October 1780 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the Next town Meeting

At a town Meeting Held in the Eastbury Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the 2nd day of November 1780 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 15th day of December 1780 as the Low Bridge to be at the Next Superior Court or Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday of December Next

At a Town Meeting Held in the Eastbury Precinct Meeting House in Middleboro on the 15th day of December 1780 at said Meeting Chose Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator

Then Voted to act on such business as presented in the Relation to Collectors and in the annual meeting Relative to the Request of those that desire of the officers for the last three months

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Monday the twenty fifth day of December to the above said meeting house in said town

Annual Town Meeting Held on the 15th day of December 1780 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 1st day of January 1781

From serving a Collector and Chose for Jonathan Fuller Collector in his stead at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 1st day of January 1781

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the 1st day of January 1781

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annual town meeting adjourned

the 15th day of December

the 1st day of January

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At said Meeting Voted by the town to Raise a Bounty for an enlistingment to Raise said men Voted that the officers of the several foot companies up there endeavor to Raise said men with the Towns Bounty

Then Voted to Choose a Committee of five Men Relative to the Bounty as above said said Committee are Benja Thomas M^r John Alden Joseph Lovell M^r Edmond Wood & Capt Robert Sprout Then Voted to adjourn for half an hour to hear the Report of said Committee

Report of Committee that each Soldier shall have

To the Town of Middleborough Gentlemen the Report of your Committee Chosen this day to say what each Soldier that engages in the Three years Service shall have per year is as followeth that is to say each Soldier shall have Fifty Silver Dollars per year or the Value thereof in Farm Produce or according to that Proportion for what Time he is in said Service And for all those that Engage during the present War shall have thirty Silver Dollars per year or the Value in Farm Produce or the same in Proportion for the Time they are in said Service

Yowery 4th 1781 Benja Thomas } Committee
John Alden }
Joseph Lovell }
Robert Sprout }
Edmond Wood }
Voted and accepted by the Town then voted to adjourn this meeting to this day the Eighteenth day of January to the meeting house in said town

At a Town Meeting continued by adjournment from the third day of April Last to the 4th day of January 1781 at said Meeting Voted to adjourn the Meeting to third day the Eighteenth day of Jan 1781 to said Meeting house in said town

At a Town Meeting continued by adjournment from the fifteenth day of December 1780 to January the 4th 1781 at said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of two men to Provide for the families of the Soldiers that are in the Continental Service

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At said Meeting Chose M^r Silas Wood & M^r Nicholas Wood to be a Committee to Provide for said Soldiers family then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the annual Town Meeting in March Next

Annual Town Meeting continued by adjournment from the sixth day of March Last to the 4th day of January 1781 at said Meeting Chose M^r Isaac Tompkins Moderator for this day the former moderator being absent at said Meeting Chose Joseph Cushman Collector and Silas Tinkham

Said Meeting Voted and allowed to be Paid out of the Town Treas^r the Committee Expenses in Raising the Men for the six months & three months Companies at Sunday times

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June 9th 27th 1781 £ 28 = 16 = 0
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Is 9th 30 - - - - - 37 = 00 = 0
July 9th 3rd - - - - - 37 = 00 = 0
Is 9th 6 - - - - - 18 = 00 = 0
Is 9th 10 - - - - - 24 = 04 = 0
Is 9th 17 - - - - - 00 = 00 = 0
Is 9th 24 - - - - - 07 = 04 = 0
December 9th 13th 1780 a Total Copy from the minute for Isaac Wood Clerk
In More by attending the Mustering the Soldiers at Bridgewater - - - - - £ 27 = 18 = 0
then Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day the Eighteenth day of January £ 81 = 02 = 0

Annual Town Meeting continued by adjournment to the Eighteenth day of January A D 1781 to the Regular Previous Meeting in Middleboro at said Meeting the moderator took his Place then acted on the following Business (Viz)

at said Meeting M^r Ben Barrow Nathan Allen and John Smith y^r 4th Dec Chosen Collectors Town of Middleboro to Edmond Wood y^r 6th £ 59 = 00 that the town have for in the State Treas^r that they have not paid it being for that of the Charges that a vote in Procuring 12 horses for the use of the Army Middleboro Jan^y 18th 1781 Edmond Wood be next Page

at said meeting
Voted to permit
to the first day of
February to the above
said meeting house
in said town

at said Meeting Voted to permit Lt. Nelson Henry
Kato in Samuel Jackson's Bill, L14-15-6
and also John Thomas's Poole's Bill in
Samuel Cushman's Bill
Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to third day
the first day of February to the above said meeting house
in said town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly
President Meeting House in Middleboro on the
Eighteenth Day of January AD 1781
at said Meeting Chas. M. Isaacson Townsman
at said Meeting Voted to act on the Warrant
Relative to Raising a Quantity of Beef agreeable
to the orders of the Great & General Court of this Common-
wealth: at said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee
of Three Men Relative to the beef as above
said Committee to make Report to this town at the
adjournment of this meeting Committee are
Benjamin Thomas Lt. Ichabod Wood & Capt
Robert Sprout at said Meeting Voted not to raise
any sum of Money at Present
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to third day the
first day of February to Twelve o'clock at noon to
said meeting House in said town

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment
from the twenty fifth day of December AD 1780
to third day the Eighteenth day of Jan: 1781
at said Meeting ordered that the officers of the
Several foot Companies & their Indentures to Raise so
many agreeable to the Court's orders
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to third day the
first day of February to said meeting House in said
town to one o'clock in afternoon

at a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from
the third day of April to third day the 4th day
of January at said Meeting Voted to adjourn this
meeting to third day the first day of February next
to said meeting House in said town

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment
from the Eighteenth day of January to the first day of
February AD 1781 at said Meeting the Moderator took his
place at said Meeting on the following Business
Then acted on the following Report of the
Committee Relative to the town raising a Quantity
of Beef which Report was that it is hereby Resolved
for the town to Raise the Beef at Present
Then Voted that the Select Men send a Petition
to the Great & General Court setting forth the
Difficulty of Raising said Beef in this town
Then Voted to Choose a Committee of five Men to
assist the Select Men Relative to said Petition
Committee are Lt. Ichabod Wood Ben Benjamin
Thomas Capt Robert Sprout William Bennett and
Maj John Nelson
At said Meeting Voted to Raise a Sum of Money
At said Meeting Voted to Raise the sum of forty
Thousand Pounds on the Poole and Estate of the
Inhabitants of this town and the money be applied as soon
as possible and be paid into the town Treasury by the
first day of March next
at said Meeting Voted that the same Rules and orders
be observed in Raising the two last detachments of men
as was Voted at a former meeting
Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to third day the 1st day
of February to one o'clock after noon to the above said meeting
House in said town

At a Town Meeting Held in the Easterly President Meeting
House in Middleboro on third day the first day of
February AD 1781 Continued by adjournment from the
Twenty fifth day of December 1780
at said Meeting the Moderator took his Place
Then acted on the following Business
Voted that each man that engages a Soldier for
the Term of three years and Performs said Service
of a Soldier shall Have one Hundred Silver
Dollars a year so in Proportion for this time he is
in said Service
at said Meeting Voted that the officers of the foot
Company use their Indentures to engage the men for said
Service and also Voted to Choose a Committee of five
Men to be assistants with said officers
Committee are Capt Job Pierce Capt Joshua Eddy
Roger Haskell Maj John Nelson & Isaac Perkins
at said Meeting Voted that the officers and Committee
that engages a Soldier or Pay him money this year
to be paid out of the town Treasury by January on Interest
Five Pounds

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Then voted to adjourn this Meeting to Third Day
the fifteenth Day of February to one o'clock of Noon
to said Meeting House in said town

Annual Town Meeting Held in the Easterly Present
Meeting House in Middleborough on the first
Day of February AD 1781 Continued by adjournment from
the sixth Day of March Last

at said Meeting Chose Mr Nathaniel Wilbur Moderator
for the Day the former moderator being absent
at said meeting Elected John Smith Jr from
Serving a Collector and also Elected
Nathan Alder from Serving a Collector
and Chose John Lebaron

Collectors
Chose
Job Richmond
Stephen Hathaway
Jes. Elkanah Leonard
Capt Abiel Peine

the town of Middleborough to Jacob Bennett Jr for
to 9 days making Rates at 10:00 per Day
to 7 sheets of Paper at 6 per sheet
January 1781 Jacob Bennett Jr

The town of Middleborough to
Jacob Bennett Jr for to 20 sheets of Paper and about
the valuation at 6 per sheet
January 16: 1781 Jacob Bennett Jr

The town of Middleborough to Jacob Bennett Jr for
to 16 days making two Rates at 10:00 per Day
for 11 sheets of Paper at 6 per sheet
Middleborough Nov 1: 1780

The town of Middleborough to Eben Cobb Jr for to
16 days making two Rates at 10:00 per Day
to 11 sheets of Paper at 6 per sheet
Middleborough Nov 1: 1780

The town of Middleborough to Eben Cobb Jr for to 9 days
making Rates at 10:00 per Day for to 7 sheets of
Paper at 6 per sheet January 18: 1781 Eben Cobb Jr

The town of Middleborough to George Leonard Jr
to 13 days making Rates at 10:00 per Day for to
to 8 sheets of Paper at 6 per sheet
Nov 1: 1780

The town of Middleborough to Nath Clark Jr for to 13 days
making two Rates at 10:00 per Day for to 8 sheets
at 6 per sheet Nov 1: 1780 Nath Clark Jr

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A town Meeting held in Middleborough on the
first Day of February 1781 Continued by adjournment
from the third Day of April Last
at said Meeting Chose Mr Nathaniel Wilbur Moderator
for the Day the former moderator being absent at said
meeting Voted to adjourn this Meeting to Third Day the
fifteenth Day of February

At a Town Meeting held in the Easterly Present
Meeting House on the fifteenth Day of Feb A.D. 1781
Continued by adjournment from the third Day of April
Last 1780 At said Meeting Voted that the Meeting be
adjourned to the Annual Meeting in March next to two
o'clock in the afternoon

Annual Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from
the sixth Day of March Last 1780 to Third Day the
fifteenth Day of February 1781 to the Easterly Present
Meeting in Middleborough

at said Meeting Voted to Elected Capt Abiel Peine
from Serving a Collector and Chose Isaac Winkham
Collector and also Elected Stephen Hathaway from
Serving a Collector and also Chose John Blye Collector
and also Elected Lt Elkanah Leonard from Serving
a Collector and Chose Benjamin Reed Collector
and also Renewed the Choice of John Lebaron to
Serve Collector

at said Meeting Voted the sum of Money to be
Paid out of the town for to the several Messengers
Thomas Hooper Reel Remitted in Dr Jonathan
Fuller bill, £20: 12: 0

Then Voted to allow and Pay to the Committee that
Procured beef for the use of the army £10: 0: 0 per Day
Middleborough December 9: 1780

the town of Middleborough to William Tompson Jr for to Sunday
Serving to Purchase the Beef & delivering it to the agent
£10: 0: 0 per Day £70: 0: 0

x To Kagger Haskell Seven Days at £10: 0: 0 per Day £70: 0: 0
x To Jacob Thomas for three Days at £10: 0: 0 per Day £30: 0: 0
x To Batchelor Bennett for five Days at £10: 0: 0 per Day £50: 0: 0
x To James Smith for five Days at £10: 0: 0 per Day £50: 0: 0
x To Henry Leonard for two Days £10: 0: 0 per Day £20: 0: 0

at said Meeting Voted to Dispose this Meeting
then the Moderator Declared the Town to be adjourned
attest
Abner Lebaron Town Clerk

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At A town Meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on the fifteenth Day February 1781 Continued by adjournment from the Eighteenth Day of January 1781 at said Meeting Voted by the town that the Politian Exhibited to the town Relative to the town Raising a Quantity of Beef after the Politian being Read the town by Vote accepted the same then Resolved that the above said Politian be sent to the General Court then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the annual Meeting in March Next to one o'clock in the after Noon.

At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the Twenty fifth Day of December 1780 to the fifteenth Day of February 1781 the above said Meeting being for the Purpose for Raising a Number of Soldiers for the term of three years or during the War then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the third Day the 22^d Day of February to one o'clock in the after Noon to the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough

- At a Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the Twenty fifth Day of December 1780 to the Twenty Second Day of February 1781 the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough at said Meeting the Moderators took his Place then acted on the following Business (Voted)
- 1st Voted that the Town Treasurer Give his Security on Interest to any Man or Company of Men that shall Procure a Soldier according to a Vote of this town Raising Date February 1st 1781
 - 2^d Voted that each Soldier that engages for three years shall Have Fifty Silver Dollars Advanced Pay on his Engagement and Raising Musters
 - 3^d Voted that each Soldier that engages shall Have Fifty Silver Dollars Paid him Every six months and if the money is not Paid him at that time on Interest he be Paid
 - 4th Voted that the Soldier that engages during the War shall Have Eighty Silver Dollars a year So in Proportion according to the above Vote
- At said Meeting Resolved that Hezekiah Purington be Read a Collector in the Rome and Stead of Isaac Sinkham with said Sinkham becoming Surety for said Purington's Performance in Discharge then Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fifth Day of March Next to eight o'clock in the Morning

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We the Subscribers Edmond Wood Thomas Nelson & Isaac Tongue Salutesmen of the town of Middleborough and Isidiah Wood and John Walshe men of the town of Hallowell being met to gather on the nineteenth Day of June 1780 have by afore said townships as followeth (Viz)

Beginning at a Stone with Stones about it or near the former Town Line Between Middleborough and Plimpton and Ninety Pole South Eastward from Ebenezer Fuller's house which Boundary Runned and from thence we Run South 48th 1/2 Degree West by 200 Pole to a Stone set in the ground with other stones about it one foot from a small Birch tree marked with 3 marks facing to it on an Island of upland Between the Swamp and Place where the millpond used to flow on the Easterly side of said Pond said millpond and from thence we Run North forty nine degrees West by the said millpond thirty Eight Pole to a Stone and heap of Stones on the Westerly side of said Pond which are Runned and marked a Branch tree with 3 marks facing to it about one Pole Southward from it & then on this same Range to Bartlett's Brook to a long Stone set in the ground with other stones about it on the Easterly side of said Brook which Boundary we Runned then Run North fifty degrees West by to a Stone set in the ground Marked M. H. standing about one Pole from Bridgwater River and so home to said River in testimony of our faithfulness in the above Circumstances we have hereunto set our hands this Day above

Edmond Wood { Pollet
Thomas Nelson { men
Isaac Tongue { of
Isidiah Wood { Hallowell
John Walshe {

- At a town meeting Continued by adjournment from the 25th Day of December 1780 to the 1st of March 1781 the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough be met the moderator took his Place & proceeded to Business
- 1st Voted that each Company of men or man that Procure a Proportion of Men of the three years Soldiers shall be released from Paying their Proportion of any fine on a Soldier for not Raising the whole Proportion as in the town & be subject to the same
 - 2^d Voted that Every Company up to the Commanding officer of this town to know the Proportion of said Soldiers
 - 3^d Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting at 8 o'clock

Recorded by Nathl Wilder Town Clerk or Successor in Office

The Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from the 1st Day of April and from the fifteenth Day of June & from the Eighteenth Day of June to the 6th Day of March 1781

The Moderator took his Place & a motion being made for the above mentioned meeting to be adjourned it was Resolved & Voted to adjourn the above meeting to Monday the 12th Day of March 1781 at 2 o'clock at Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

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annual
march
meeting
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at a Town meeting Held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct on Monday the fifth Day of March 1781 being duly Warned and Regularly assembled for the choice of Town officers and other Business as inserted in the Warrant for said meeting the following Persons were chosen into the Respectable offices hereafter named viz

- 1st Nath^l Wilder Was Chosen Moderator
2nd Nath^l Wilder was Chosen Town Clerk
3rd Cap^t William Shaw Chosen Moderator

4th Isaac Tomson
5th Thomas Nelson
6th Rufus Richmond
7th John Mordack
8th Ezra Hartow

Select Men

9th Nath^l Wilder Town Treasurer

10th Ezra Clark
11th Cap^t Robert Sprague
12th W^m Benjamin Warren
13th David Alden
14th W^m Andrew Cabb

Overseers of
the Poor

15th W^m Eben^l Cabb
16th W^m George Leonard
17th W^m Jacob Bonnet Jr
18th Joshua White Esq
19th W^m Noah Clark

Assessors

20th Cap^t William Shaw
21st W^m John Montgomery
22nd Cap^t Abial Peirce
23rd Cap^t Amos Wade
24th James Thomas
25th David Thomas

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by Voted to Except of m^r Joth Hassel as a collector in the Room of m^r John Bly said Bly becoming Sundry for P^r Hassel
by Voted to Except of Hezekiah Durinton in the Room of P^r Bly
by Voted to Except of Isaac Sinkham said Sinkham being Sundry for P^r Bly
by Voted that the Constable this Present year 1781 shall collect two assessments for this Town of July & no more
by Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the Twelfth Day of this Instant month to Sen a flock in the forenoon
by Then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned

at a Town meeting Continued by adjournment from the 12th Day of March 1781 and also one by adjournment from the 12th Day of March 1781 to the 18th Day of March 1781 also by adjournment from the 18th Day of March 1781 to the 12th Day of April 1781 & being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place
by Then Voted to adjourn the above meeting to the next Town meeting

at a Town meeting Continued by adjournment from at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in midwinters on Monday the 12th Day of March 1781 the Town then Voted that the Commanding officers of each military Company in P^r Town be Called upon as Sundry as may be to make a Return to the Committee hereafter named of all the Horses & Services Done in their several Companies since the Present War commenced and it appeared if they be fit are Impowered to Call upon the Select men in their several Companies to make a Return to them of what Service is that they have Done since the Present War commenced
Then Town then made Choice of the following Gentlemen a Committee to Review the Return of the above P^r officers
Jacob Tomson for Sam^l Eaton Pres^t Thomas Sam^l Durinton
Cap^t Nath^l Smith Lt Abner Kingman Rojon Hassel Ezra Clark Cap^t Josiah Carver
Then Voted to adjourn to Monday the Twelfth Day of March Instant at two o'clock after Noon
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Annual March meeting Continued by adjournment from the 12th Day of March Instant & met according to adjournment then the Moderator took his Place & Presided to the following business viz
made Choice of Stephen Haskins & Constable
Do Joseph Clark
Dun over

Surveyor Dehabad Allwood Callb Muschom Jacob Tomson John Thomas
 of Supper Silas Warren Joseph Hathaway Eben Ellis
 high Joshua Reed Lebulon Pratt Abner Nelson Andrew
 ways Mr Cully Josiah Halloway Ephraim Hackett Seth Eddy
 Daniel Perry Lebedee Thomas Cap Isaac Wood De
 Thomas Sturtevant Isaac Millier John Thomas
 Jacob Soule Nehemiah Benard Calob Benson Jesse
 Vaughan Isaac Howland Surveyor of high ways

Then the Town Proceeded To the Choise of the following
 Persons into office

12th Cap Josiah Carver
 Mr Job Thomas

Wardens

Mr Peter Haan
 Lt Joscel Thomas

Mr John Knowlton
 Mr Henry Stroubridge

13th Voted to Chuse a Committee of Saffee for the Insuring

Committee of Saffee

Mr Lebedee Sprout
 Mr Calob Tomson
 Voted James Shaw

14th Lt Josiah Smith
 Mr Edward Richardson
 Mr Calob Wood
 Cap Amos Washburn
 Mr Noah Cushman
 Mr Saml Nelson

Sitting men

15th Mr Joseph Bates

Selar of Leather

Mr Jacob Thomas
 Mr William Bennel
 Mr Isaac Spirkens
 Micah Leonard

Five Viewers

16 Lt William Tomson
 Mr Silas Wood
 Mr Moses Thomas
 Mr Andrew M Cully

Surveyors of Lumber

17 Daniel Juckel
 Josiah Warren
 Josiah Thomas
 William Richardson
 Jacob Tomson Jr
 Levi Thomas

Hogg Reeves

19 Lt James Weston
 Mr Eben Wood

horse Rod

Then the Town Voted that the Swine route run at
 Long yoked & Ringed according to Law the first year

Then the Town Voted that the fish Called Alewives be
 Taken two a Day in a Week at the Bridge Nigh North
 Posters no more on bridge & Surveyors due the Law that the
 People have Liberty to take fish at P Bridge as they
 Cross the Road that Speers from the Post to Northward
 & so where else

also made Choise of Boas Eben Bridge & Mr Zephoniah
 to support the Amos & so that the fish have a free path
 up into P Pond to Capt their spawn
 those days that the fish are to Run

Voted to Chuse five Persons to Inspect Hamaschel River
 and so that the fish Called Alewives have a Clean Passage
 to go up into the Pond to Capt their spawn

made Choise of the following Persons

Abner Barron
 Elias Millier Jr
 Jacob Thomas
 Samuel Bourn
 Catha Wilcox Execut

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Annual
meeting
continued
by
adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

A motion being made to see if the Town would Confide these
Persons that Turn in beef in to the Town for the Use of the
Army Voted in the negative

adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Then it was Moved & Seconded to see if the Town would
make an allow one to those Persons that Turn in Horses
in to S^r Town for the Use of the Army Voted in the
Negative

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Then the Town Voted Not to Raise any money at the
Present But to Chouse a Committee to settle With These
Town Surpuses & so how the state of the Town was - and to
Report

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Isaac Somson) a Committee to settle With
William Bonnet) the Town Sur
Pop William Shaw)

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Voted to allow & Pay out of the Town Surpuses to Joshua
Shaw Conplable in 1780 £33:0:0 for Counter fill
money all 30 12:15:0 Remitted in P^r Shaws Bill. it be Leb
Cawfells Rate

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Remitted Samuel Hackel Rate in benoni Lucas
Bills £102:14:0 & his Silver Rate 8/3

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Then it was Moved & Seconded to adjourn this meeting
to Monday the Twenty Six Day of march at one of the
a clock in the after Noon Voted in the affirmative
Then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned
at half past 12 Wilder Town Clerk

Annual
meeting
continued
by
adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

At a Town Meeting continued by adjournment from the fifth Day
of march to the Twenty Six Day of march 1785 & being met
according to Adjournment the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded
to the following business

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Voted to Excuse Nath^l Wilder from serving as one of the Committee
to inspect Hemaskel Relatival to the Alewife fish Having a
Sore in his Side & River to Catch Virgin Spaw
made choice of an Joseph Lavel in S^r Wilder Room
Voted to allow & Pay out of the Town Surpuses to William Shaw the
Sum of Thirty Pounds for three day service in fasting over the several
Bills & State Bills in order to Redress several Complaints appearing in them
also Voted to Pay as above to Capt Josiah Corcoran being a Committee with
the above Shaw the Sum of forty Pounds for four Days service

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Officers
continued
by
adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

The following sums are in aid of Emigration
Voted to allow & Pay out of the Town Surpuses in aid of Emigration the Sum of one
Hundred Seventy Six Shillings the commanding officers of the militia
that marched to Rhode Island on adaram in august 1780: it being that
they expended to Purchase Paper for Contingents

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Voted to Remit the Widow Potrone Shaw Rate in Benoni Lucas Rate
Thirty Six Pounds Ten Shillings in Paper & 3/6 in Silver

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Voted to allow & Pay out of the Town Surpuses to Edmond Wood for his service
in laying out a Road & in Decambulate the Town Lines & the wife for getting
a Warrant and attending service about Warring out of town two days from Aldron
at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay to m^r John Allen for three Days of himself
& his wife but Rates & Decambulate the line of the Town 36:2:0

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay to m^r Isaac Somson the Sum of Twenty Pounds
for his service in laying out Rates & Decambulate the line of the Town 36:2:0
at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay to m^r Thomas Nelson the Sum of forty Eight
Pounds for his laying out Rates & Decambulate Town Lines - apart to m^r John Allen
at P^r meeting Voted that the Town Endomize the Committee on 40 shillings
Prosecutions & allow them Reasonable Wages for their Reasonable service
the Town having the Benefitt of all fines

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay unto m^r Thomas Redden the Sum
of thirty Pounds for his service in burning out the Town Stores to the meet
some the Commencement of the Present War -

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay out of the Town Surpuses to m^r Ben
Jucker the Sum of Twenty four Pounds Pale Lase in two bills Where
P^r Jucker was Rongfully Lase

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay unto Job Thomas the Sum of Twenty
two Pounds four Shillings for his horse to bring Stags from Seaboard
When adaram at Rhode Island

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Pay unto John Smith for his service
as a Committee of safety for four years & carrying Circular Letters
to Barnstable the Sum of one hundred & six Pounds Ballon

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to Remit Ephraim Fashman a Rate in Hesechah
Durinton Rate bills the Sum of Seventy Nine Pounds seven Shillings
at P^r meeting Voted to Remit Capt Thomas Edwards Rate in Hesechah
Bill which Sum is to be Paid out of the Town Surpuses

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Voted to Remit William Reed Pale Lase in Hesechah bills the
Sum of Twenty two Pounds in the old Emigration

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow & Remit in Lenus Fashmans Bills he being
a Collection in 1780 Ephraim Bryant Lase 66:2:0 in Paper & 1/6 in Silver
also L^r Nelson Sumner Lase 74:4:3 in Paper & 7/2 in Silver

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

at P^r meeting Voted to allow the Abesons Eight Pound P^r Days
for their service in taking the Valuation in the year 1780
Voted that the Widow Mary Shaw be Paid out of the Town Surpuses what is due her on
account of her as yet being supplied one of the Soldiers families
Voted this meeting to stand adjourned to Monday the 2^d Day
of April next at three of the clock after noon

Adjourn
from
thurs
of
march

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1781

From
Jury
of
Trials

(1682.)

At a Town meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the 22nd day of April 1781 at 10 o'clock A.M. and made choice of Mr. Caleb Tomson & Mr. Ezra a Clerk to serve on the Grand Juror for the year ensuing also Cap^t William Conrady Daniel Smith & Joseph South were appointed by drawing out of the Box to serve on the Jurors of Trials at the Next Court of Gen^l Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in & for the County of Plymouth on the 2nd day of April Next

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the 26th day of April 1780 from the Third day of adjournment being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place & proceeded to the following Business Voted the former Committee appointed to make an average in the the Town that they proceed as soon as may be to estimate all the Service Tax in the Town of Middleborough & send the same to the War Committee to make an average & Report to the Town as soon as may be

at a meeting Voted to excuse Jacob Tomson Jun^r and made choice of Mr. Bachelard Bennett one of the Bar J^{rs} & made choice of Mr. Nath^l & Smith to make choice of Capt Isaac Wood to serve with the above Committee then Voted to adjourn this meeting to May meeting at 10 o'clock Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

The several Town meetings continued by adjournments from 22^d of April 1780 and at 10 o'clock a Town meeting continued by adjournment from 18th of Jan^y 1781 also from the 15th day of Dec^r 1780 to Monday the 26th of April and being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then the Town Voted to adjourn the above meeting to the Second day of April Next at three of the clock in the afternoon Then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned

1785

(163.)

At a Legal Town meeting Held in Middleborough on the Second day of April 1785 at 10 o'clock A.M. the Town gave in the following Vices agreeable to a late Convention for Governor & Governor & Senator
The Hon^{ble} John Hancock Esq^r Governor
The Hon^{ble} James Bowdoin Esq^r Lt Governor
Thomas Cushing Esq^r Senator
James Bowdoin Esq^r Senator

George Watson Esq^r +
and Charles Turner +
Cap^t David Kingman +
Nathan Cushing Esq^r +
Hugh Orr Esq^r +
Captⁿ Eben^e White +
William Lever Esq^r +

at a meeting their opened the number of 59 Voters that were so against the Constitution that they would not give in their Votes for any of the above officers and like wise Voted that their be a Return in to the Secretarys of the number Present at the meeting that were against the Constitution

Isaac Tomson } Select men
Ezra Harlow } of
Rufus Richmond } Middleborough.

Then the Selectmen Declared the meeting to be dissolved at 10 o'clock Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held in Middleborough on Monday the 2^d day of April 1785 continued by adjournment from the 15th day of Dec^r 1780 being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place and by Vote Dissolved the meeting
also a Town meeting continued by adjournment from 25th of Dec^r 1780
also a Town meeting continued by adjournment from 18th of Jan^y 1781 and being met the Town then by Vote adjourn the two above meetings to May meeting at one o'clock in the afternoon
Then the Moderator Declared the meeting to be adjourned

at 10 o'clock Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #76
TOWN RECORDS 1781-1783, 2:164-230 Holbrook

At a Town meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Second Day of April 1781. Continued by adjournment from the Fifth Day of March. Last Building met according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the following work

Voted To Reconsider a former Vote Relating to Paying the Widow Mary Shaw that the Town supposed was due to her by her being supplied as one of the Indian family it appearing that she had been allowed by the Court in her Deposition Note

Voted and made Choice of Mr. John Rogers as one of the Overseers of the Poor in the Room & Place of Cap. Robert Sprague that Refuses to Serve

Voted to Recuse Josiah Holloway from serving as a Juror of Highway the present year & named Choice of Job Pierce to serve in St. Holloway's Room

At a meeting by Vote made Choice of Elatham Capen as a Constable in the Room of Capt. Abiel Pierce who was in the Ward as the Constable requires and it was said he Refuses to serve

At said meeting Voted to Remit to William Samson in his Rate Bills 50 pence per acre in 200:0:0

At a meeting Voted to Remit to Samuel Chapman in his Rate Bills Joseph's Rate 50 pence per acre in 200:0:0 in 200:0:0

At a meeting Voted to Remit in Abner Barron's Rate bills Joseph's Rate 50 pence per acre in 200:0:0 in 200:0:0

At a meeting by Vote made Choice of Enos Pierce Constable in the Room of Elatham Capen who is moved out of Town

Then the Town by Vote adjourned this meeting to Monday the Twenty Third Day of this Instant April to sit at 10 o'clock in the afternoon

Attest Nathl. Wilcox Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held in the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the Twenty Fifth Day of March 1781 Continued by adjournment from the Fifth Day of March and by Vote at a meeting Voted to be Paid out of the Town Fund to the above the following Sum: 200:0:0

In a Proper manner as follows: To Mr. John Rogers 200:0:0 for 67 Days Taking Valuation at 16: Shells of Paper

To Joseph's Rate 50 pence per acre in 200:0:0 in 200:0:0

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At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the Second Day of April 1781 Continued by adjournment from the Fifth Day of March Last at a meeting Voted to Mr. John Rogers his account it being for serving the Town three Days to Catch the several Confiscated Rate bills & State bills in order to Rectify several mistakes in them at 20:0:0 per Day Sum Total 200:0:0

At a meeting Voted to allow and Pay out of the Town Fund to Elatham Capen the Sum of 22:12:0 for serving the Town in the fall taking the papers & taking the Day to make a Lease in St. John's Relation

At a meeting Voted to allow and Pay to David Wood his account for the Town's Collecting beef for the Continental Army 10:5:0

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Attest Nath^l Witherspoon Clerk

14th Voted to discharge David Caspell from serving as a. Constable the present year - & made Chas. of Abraham Shars 7th to serve in P. Chapel Room & Head Chorus.
Then the Town By Vote adjourned P. concluding to the Third Tuesday in June Next ^{one week afterwards} then the road & taxation business to be adjourned.

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To Mr Eben Wood

And it appears as that there has been almost an invasion upon our supposed glorious Constitution as it is there expressed to be our Privilege to have our Property Determined by twelve of our Equals. While as a late one of the General Court hath set the Power of five Men to Determine the Value of all our circulating Paper Bills.

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 19th Day of June 1781 at 10 o'clock P. M. meeting and John Bingham & Mr. Israel Wood Were appointed by drawing out of the box as the last time to serve on the Jurors of Tryals at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be held at Plymouth in & for the County of Plymouth to be holden the first Tuesday of July Next

- At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Tuesday 19th Day of June 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 18th of June 1781 & being meet according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the following Business (viz)
- 1st Voted to Call on the out Standing Collectors as soon as may be to pay in to the Town the several Sums Due to the Town from them
 - 2^d Voted that the Committee appointed to Borrow or Raise money for the purpose of paying for the beef that they Purchased as to what they can Retainal this & last Friday
 - 3^d Voted that the same be paid into the Treas^r of the Town
 - 4th Voted that the Treas^r be ordered to pay in to the agents for beef all the money on Hand
 - 5th Voted to Reconsider a former Vote of the Town Passed May 23rd 1781 which Vote was to Raise the Sum of Twenty five thousand Pound in the old Emigration for the purpose of paying for beef & then By Vote the Town Dissolved & Meeting

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Tuesday 19th Day of June 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 18th of June 1781 & being meet according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place & then Proceeded to the following Business (viz)

- 1st Voted that to accept of the Report of the Committee which was to make an overage in P. Town with Respect to the several both been on some the present War Commenced

Then by Vote Dissolved & Meeting

attest Nath^l W. Denison Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday 19th Day of June 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 18th Day of June 1781 being on set by adjournment & the Moderator being absent by Vote made choice of Capt Josiah Curver Moderator of the Day & then Proceeded to the following business (viz)

- 1st Voted that to Exclude Mr. Malabhi Hardard from serving Constable the first year
- 2^d Voted to Remit unto Mr. Seth or more 50 Dollars and Emigration which the State Treas^r Called Counterfeit P. money being Constable
- 3^d Voted that the Select men of the Town Call upon the Surveyors to State that they think proper to afford sum of assistance to the Surveyors belonging to Woodland bridge in order to Repair the bridge

Then the Town by Vote adjourned & meeting to the first Monday in August at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting House

attest Nath^l W. Denison Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 16th Day of July 1781 at 10 o'clock P. M. meeting made choice of Mr. Isaac Tomison Moderator & then Proceeded to the following Business (viz)

- 1st Voted to answer the Requisition of Cort Relative to Rais of Beef agreeable to a Resolves of P. Cort of the 22nd of June 1781
- 2^d Voted to Chuse a Committee of eight men for the purpose of procuring P. Beef - Lt John Smith Lt William Tomison Levi Wood Balchider Bonner Abner Wood Roger Haskell Lt Peter Hoar Henry Leonard & D. Whose the above Committee
- 3^d Voted to empower the above Committee to Raise the above Quantity of Beef on as Reasonable Terms as they can and that the Committee are likewise empowered to give them Receipt for P. Beef that shall answer them & that said Receipts be
- 4th Voted to Raise the Sum of one thousand Pound on the Ponds and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town in P. money but that the Inhabitants shall have Liberty in paying P. Pounds to pay any current money at the then Common Exchange for Silver when P. Tax is Paid

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brought over
5^{ly} Voted that each Capt. Proceed to Raise the Proportion of men now called for from his Company to Rais and Pay P. Soldier by Companies and Not as a Corp -
6^{ly} Voted to be the friends of P. Town that Mr. Wood own Representation Return to the Great and General in order to serve for P. Town as a member of that Hon^{ble} body -
7^{ly} Voted that the Company that Procure their Proportion of Soldier do called for be hereafter Excused from Paying any Part of a Fine that may be laid on P. Town for Not Raising the Whole of P. Towns Proportion -
8^{ly} Voted Not to act on the Petition of Mr. Stephen Hathaway and others Relating to Not Having their Confable District divided agreeable to a former Vote -
Then Voted to adjourn P. Meeting to Monday the Sixth Day of August Next at two o'clock after noon -
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 16th Day of August 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July Sept and being according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then Proceeded to the following Business
1^{ly} Voted not to Ratify or Stand by a former Vote of the Town which was for each Company to Rais their Proportion of men now called for by Companies and Not by the Town -
2^{ly} Voted to Rais the above Soldiers now called for by the Town
3^{ly} Voted that each Company that hath or shall Rais their Proportion of the men as it shall be given of to them by the assents of the Town Proportioning them by the Polls and Estates in the Town shall be exempted from Paying the Town Tax for Raising the men -
Then the Town by Vote adjourned P. Meeting to Monday the Thirtieth Day of August Next at one o'clock after noon to the above meeting House. Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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Annual March meeting
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 13th Day of August 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 13th Day of July Sept and being according to adjournment the Moderator being absent the Town By Vote made choice of Mr. Isaac Tomison Moderator of the Day and as the day was far spent by Reason of the meeting a vote mentioned if was moved & seconded for P. Meeting to be adjourned to Monday the 13th Day of August at two o'clock after. Voted in the Affirmative = 4 to be Held at the above meeting House -
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 13th Day of August 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 13th Day of August Sept and being according to adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then Proceeded to the following Business
1^{ly} Voted Not to Reconsider that Part of a former Vote which was for the Companies to take their Proportion from the assents of the Town and Not from the Polls -
2^{ly} Voted Not to Give the officers any Instruction Relating to What Bounty they shall Give the Soldiers that are now called for but for said officers to Procure said Soldiers on as Reasonable Terms as they Can and Lay their account before the Town -
3^{ly} Voted to make an avriage in the Town Relating to Service in the War by the Town -
4^{ly} Voted Not to Reconsider the above Vote -
5^{ly} Voted to Reconsider the above Vote Relating to making an avriage by the Town -
6^{ly} Voted to make an avriage by the Town -
7^{ly} Voted to Choose a Committee of three men to Receive the former Report of a Committee to make an avriage and to Report at the adjournment Capt. Eddy Deacon Thomas Ebon Briggs
8^{ly} Voted that the former Committee attend with the Committee now Chosen for the Purpose of an avriage -
9^{ly} Voted to Reconsider the above Vote Relating to the New Committee upon in order to Revisd the Report of a former Committee appointed to make an avriage -
Then the Town by Vote adjourned P. Meeting to the Next Town meeting
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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Annual meeting
at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting in
Middleborough on Monday the 13th day of August 1781
Continued by adjournment from the 5th of March 1781
Being met according to adjournment & the Moderator
Being absent the Town then made choice of Mr
Batchelor Moderator for the day but the day
being far spent on other business it was moved to ad-
-ourn meeting to Monday the 26th this instant August at
two o'clock after-noon to the Easterly Precinct meeting House
in Town - Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House
in Middleborough on Monday the 20th of August 1781 Continued by ad-
-ournment from the 13th of August being met according to
adjournment the Moderator took his place & then proceeded to
the following business -
Voted that if any man turn in to the Town more than his
own accounts to that he shall bear the remainder of the
of Town -
The Town then by vote adjourned to the fall meeting
at two o'clock after-noon Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 20th day of August 1781
Continued by adjournment from 13th of August instant and being
met according to adjournment and the Moderator being absent
the Town made choice of Mr Batchelor Moderator
of the day and then proceeded to the following business -
Voted to Remit unto Benjamin Smith Constable 13th of March
that the State had Called Conterfite and Emancipation
Voted to Excuse Capt Abraham Shaw from serving
Constable the Present year -
by vote made choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Constable
in the Room of Capt Abraham Shaw Excused
Voted to Excuse P. Richmond from serving Constable
Voted and made choice of Mr Elkanah Leonard Constable & then
by vote Excused him -
Voted and made choice of George Richmond Constable
for the ensuing year -
Voted not to Excuse Mr Malachi Howland from serving Constable
the Present year Then the Town by vote adjourned to
meeting to Monday the 27th day of this instant August
at three o'clock after-noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct
meeting House in Town Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly
Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 27th of August 1781
At said meeting on Jacob Bennett & Mr Ephraim Hackett
were appointed by the Town to go out of the Town to serve on the jury
of said Court to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of
Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October next

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 27th of August 1781
Continued by adjournment from the 20th of August instant
being met according to adjournment & the Moderator
being absent the Town by vote made choice of Mr Batchelor
Moderator of the day and then proceeded to the following
business -
Voted to Excuse Mr George Richmond from serving Constable
the Present year -
and might serving in the Town by vote adjourned to meet
at the House of Mr Eben^l Sprout & being met by adjourn-
ment the Moderator took his place -

Voted to Excuse Mr Malachi Howland from serving Constable
the Present year -
made choice of Mr James Peirce to serve as Constable
in P. Howland Room the ensuing year

by vote made choice of Mr Joseph Leonard & then
as Constable in the Room of Mr George Richmond
Excused & then the Town by vote adjourned to meeting
to the fall meeting at three o'clock after-noon -
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Thursday the 6 Day of Sept 1781
A P. Meeting made Choice of Mr John Miller Moderator
And then the Society proceeded to the following Business
Voted that Mr M. K. Deane be chosen for the Town of Middleborough
to be for travel to carry on and act at the best of his Discretion
in the Case depending Between the Town of Middleborough & Sam
Halloway of Dunston who hath sued the Town as to be done on the
Town's Part
Voted that Mr John Miller be an assessor with the above named
Deane in the Case depending Between the Town of Middleborough
& St. Halloway as aforementioned on the Town's Part
Then the Town adjourned to the next Meeting

Attest Nathl. K. Deane Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House
in Middleborough on Thursday the 12 Day of Sept 1781 at P. Meeting
made Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator and then proceeded
to the following Business
Voted that the Town be bound out his Deputies on the Select
Constables & Collectors Belonging to St. John in Six Weeks from
the Date Hereof unless they settle their Accounts with
the Town to his Satisfaction

Voted to Raise the Sum of £700:00 in Silver money
to be raised on the Poll & Estates of the Inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough & to be Paid in to the Treas. of St.
John the first Day of December 1783

Voted that the Town be bound to answer a common Requisition
of Gov. for Dick Deane to be put an Execution

Voted that the above be Paid for in Silver money and that
the former Committee be empowered to propose the same

Voted to Dispose of the Alewives & Phony as in the two years
past & then Voted to Chuse a Committee to inspect Hemphat
River to see that there is no obstruction to the fish as they go
down the River
Sims Geo. Col. Deane John Gordon David Thomas & William Sims
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Voted & made Choice of Mr Wilson Ripley Moderator for
the Sale of the Alewife fish that are to be taken at the Stilling
on the 11th & then the meeting was adjourned to call for the
for the Sale of said fish to be held immediately
Being met according to adjournment the Moderator & Deane
master took them there & then proceeded to the Sale of the fish
but by Reason of some Persons that it seemed were not pleased
with the Method of disposing of the fish Run them down & as
not to answer the end of the Town and adjournment being made
to adjourn the meeting to Thursday the 20 of Sept 1781 this
Place at five o'clock after Noon Voted in the forenoon

Attest Nathl. K. Deane Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House
in Middleborough on Thursday the 16 Day of Sept 1781 Continued by
adjournment from the 16 Day of July 1781 Being met by
adjournment & the Moderator absent the Town then made
Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator of the Town
& then appearing No Business of importance the Town then
by Vote adjourned to Thursday the 20 of Sept 1781
at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting place

Attest Nathl. K. Deane Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House
in Middleborough on Thursday the 18 Day of Sept 1781 Continued
by adjournment from the 16 Day of Sept 1781 Being met
According to adjournment & the Moderator being absent
the Town made Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator
of the Town but then being No Business of importance the Town
by Vote adjourned according to the 20 of Sept 1781
at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting place

Attest Nathl. K. Deane Town Clerk

1785

Middleborough

1801

a town meeting
continued from
July 16/78

at a town meeting held at the Eastern Precinct meeting room
in Middleborough on Thursday the 20th of Sept 1785 Continued
by adjournment from the 16th of July 1785

and being met according to adjournment & the Moderator
being absent the town then made choice of Rufus
Richmond Moderator of the day and then proceeded to business
1^{ly} Voted that each Capt of the Militia make a Return to the
Assessors of what sums of Money they have given to
the three & four month men and for the appears to
appear there on immediately on the 1st & 2nd of the 1st
instants of the town of Middleborough in a box by
itself

2^{ly} Voted and made choice of each Capt how command the
Militia as Collectors for the town of Middleborough
to collect the above box and no more
Then voted to adjourn this meeting
to the 13th of Oct 1785
at the house of Nathl Wilson Town Clerk

Annual
March Meeting
continued from
an adjournment

at a town meeting held at the Eastern Precinct
meeting house in Middleborough on Thursday 20th of
Sept 1785 Continued by adjournment from the 13th
of March 1785 & being met according to adjournment
in the Moderator being absent the town then by vote
made choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator
of the day and then proceeded to the following business

Benjamin Dyer
to 900

1^{ly} Voted to allow & pay out of the town 900 to Benjamin Dyer
the sum of 900 in silver it being for his supporting
the Alewife in Bristol County these days

Constable
James Peirce
fine 3^{ly}

2^{ly} Voted & made choice of Mr Enos Reynolds a Constable
in the Room & stead of James Peirce Who Refuses to serve
3^{ly} Voted and made choice of Mr Caleb Tomson as an
agent for to prosecute James Peirce Who Refuses
to serve as Constable for the town of Middleborough
Then the town by vote adjourned its meeting to Monday
the 8th of October next at ten o'clock after noon
to be held at the above meeting house
Attest Nathl Wilson Town Clerk

1785

Middleborough

1801

Full Meeting
continued from
Sept 13/85

at a town meeting held at the house of Colt Sprout
in Middleborough on Thursday the 20th of Sept 1785 Continued
by adjournment from the 13th of Sept 1785 being met
according to adjournment the Moderator being absent

Sept 13/85

Voted 1. To receive a former vote of the town relative to
disposing of the Alewife Privilege as in the two years past

2^{ly}

Voted to sell the Privilege of the Alewife fishery at
the Milling mill Ditch to the Highest bidder on the same
conditions as was provided in Law when the Privilege was first
granted

3^{ly}

Voted that the Moderator shall give this town a certain
equal chance in regard to supplying them with fish
with other towns

4^{ly}

and then the Landlord Master Jack his Place & proceeded
to the sale of said fish in the manner or a bargain
made with Robert Fishman appeared & bid for
the fish the sum of Eighty seven Pounds Six Shillings & 6 pence

Alewife
fishery

Was the Highest that any man would bid & Mr
Fishman & his Son Thomas & William Elms appeared
to be sureties for Mr Fishman & the town accepted
of the above gentlemen as sureties to the town

5^{ly}

Voted to choose a committee of three men to suggest the
Alewife fishery in Bristol County County & that the
committee be empowered to Request the assistance of
the neighboring towns as usual

a Committee
for Bristol
County

Then the town by vote adjourned its meeting to Monday
the 8th of October next at ten o'clock after noon
to be held at the above meeting house
Attest Nathl Wilson Town Clerk

1781 Middleborough 1782

At a Town meeting Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Eighth Day of October Instant for the Purpose of fixing the Selectmen Sum Instruction & Petition to the Price of Clothing and for from the General Court for the Use of the Continental Army.

- 1st Voted & made Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator
- 2nd Voted and made Choice of four men as a Committee to set Price on the above Clothing and make a Report to the Town the Committee Was Mr Isaac Tomson Mr James Smith Mr Jacob Tomson Mr Peter Hoar

Shon the meeting was adjourned for half an hour - Being next according to adjournment & the Mod took his Place

- 3rd Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee with is as follows

Price on the Clothing
 that each Pair of Shoes shall be valued at 11/6
 that each Pair of Stockings be valued at 1/6
 that each Shirt shall be valued at 4/0
 that each Blanket be valued at - £ 11 7/6

- 4th Voted that a Rec^d from the Selectmen to any Person that Supplies them with any of the above articles shall answer the in Next Town Tax or Taxes and be Rec^d both by the Collector & Inc^r

Then the Town by Vote adjourned the meeting to Monday the fifteenth Day of Instant October at three o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting House

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1781 Middleborough 1782

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting house in the Baptist Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the Eighth Day of October 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 1st Day of March 1782 and Being met according to adjournment & the Moderator being absent the Town then made Choice of Mr Rufus Rich and Moderator of the Day and then proceeded to the following business

- 1st Voted and made Choice of Mr Stephen Hathway Ensign for the Present year

2nd Voted to Remitt unto Mr Selas Sinkham Collector James Bagge's Tax in R Sinkham's Bill

3rd Voted to allow said Saddle Tax in R Sinkham's Bill £ 33 7/6

4th Voted to allow and Pay to Joseph Cushman the Sum of Eighty Pounds out of the Town Tax £ 80 0 0

5th Voted to be paid for and deliver them up to the Town of the Town by Vote adjourned said meeting to Monday the fifteenth Day of October 1781 at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough

At a Town meeting Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 15th Day of October 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 15th Day of Instant October and Being met by adjournment & the Moderator being absent the Town then made Choice of Capt Joseph Smith Moderator of the Day and no Business that appeared to be done the Town then by Vote dismissed the meeting

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1781 Middleborough 11821
 at a Town meeting Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting
 House in Middleborough on Monday 16th of October
 1781 Continued by adjournments from 16th of Octy
 1781 being meet by adjournment The Moderator took
 his Place and then Proceeded to the following Business
 Voted to accept the List of Surveys Presented to Town
 by the select men
 Voted that the select men with the addition of Capt. David
 Souther and John Montgomery and David Thomas
 be a Committee to select out a Part
 as the Land directs to be put in the Surveyors Book
 When the Town adjourned to meeting one Quarter
 of an Hour for the above purpose
 The Committee Being meet by adjournment and
 the Moderator took his Place
 and the Town except the Report of the above Committee
 When the Town by Vote adjourned to meeting to morrow
 the 22nd of Instant October at two o'clock after
 noon to be Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House
 in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk
 at a Town meeting Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting
 House in Middleborough on Monday 15th of November
 1781 Continued by adjournments from the fifth of Nov
 1781 Being meet by adjournment and the Moderator
 being absent the Town then made Choice of Capt
 Josiah Conner Moderator for the Day
 When the Town by Vote adjourned to meeting to
 morrow the 22nd of October 1781 to be Held at the
 Baptist Precinct meeting House in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1781 Middleborough 11821
 at a Town meeting Held at the Baptist Precinct meeting
 House in Middleborough on Monday 15th of October
 1781 Continued by adjournments from the fifth of Nov
 1781 Being meet by adjournment and the Moderator
 being absent the Town then made Choice of Capt
 Josiah Conner Moderator for the Day
 When the Town by Vote adjourned to meeting to
 morrow the 22nd of October 1781 to be Held at the
 Baptist Precinct meeting House in S. Town
 Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Leonard Constable in 1778 Mages
 Leonard Tax in S. Josephs Rate Bill £ 6: 7: 6: 2d Division
 as also Samuel Thayer Tax in S. Leonard Bill £ 1: 4: 8
 Voted that the former Vote of the Town Relative to That
 Sending Vacations to the Silingworth Constable & Collectors
 be Repealed With the Towns Consent at this Discretion
 Voted Not to act on the Request of the Constable Relative
 to having their Bills Paid
 Voted Not to allow any part on the 1st & Three months Siding
 Notes that are not yet Paid
 Voted to allow the aforesaid their accounts as follows
 The Town of Middleborough to Eben Cobbs 4th to Eight Days making
 Rates at 4th of 1st Day to Eight Sheds of Paper at 1st of 1st Sheet
 to Six Days a Clipping at 4th of 1st Day to Nine Sheds paper 1st
 March 20: 1781 the Sum Total £ 2: 12: 7: 1/2
 The Town of Middleborough to Jacob Bennet 7th &
 to 7th Days making Rates at 4th of 1st Day to 8 Sheds of Paper
 at 1st of 1st Sheet July 20: 1781
 to 6th Days a Clipping at 4th of 1st Day to Eight Sheds of Paper
 at 1st of 1st Sheet March 20: 1781 the Sum Total £ 2: 10: 0
 The Town of Middleborough to George Leonard 8th
 to 6th Days making Rates at 4th of 1st Day to 8 Sheds of Paper at 1st
 to 6th Days Clipping at 4th of 1st Day to 4 Sheds of paper at 1st
 March 20: 1781 the Sum Total £ 2: 0: 10
 The Town of Middleborough to Noah Clark 9th
 to 7th Days making Rates at 4th of 1st Day July 20: 1781
 to 6th Days a Clipping at 4th of 1st Day March 20: 1781
 the Sum Total £ 2: 6: 0

Sum over

1781

Middleborough 1781

Selectmen
Committee

at S. meeting Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Reduce all the old paper money security that are against the Town to Silver money and that the above Committee be Impowered to Give Orders in the Town Treasurer for the same

7th

Voted the Bills Committee to the Present Constables to Collect both not answer their Town duty then then Town by Vote adjourned S. meeting to Monday the 5th Day of November Next to be held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in S. Town at one o'clock after Noon

attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

Annual
March
meeting

at a Town meeting held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 22nd Day of October 1781 Continued by adjournments from the 16th of July 1781 Being met by adjournments the Moderator took his Place

1st

and then Proceeded to the following Business vizt at S. meeting Voted that the aforesaid Proceed as far as possible to make the Tax for Paying the three and five month ones agreeable to a former Vote of the Town

2nd
Tadwin
Tax

Voted that the aforesaid Level the above Tax by the Highest Returns and that the Town Clerk coming to those Companies that Highest Cheaper to be for the Use of S. Company

Then the Town by Vote adjourned S. meeting to Monday the 5th Day of Nov. Next at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the Baptist Precinct meeting house in S. Town

attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

1781 Middleborough 1781

at a Town meeting held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 5th Day of Nov. 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 Being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & then Business that was thought proper to be acted upon the Town then by Vote adjourned S. meeting to Monday the 19th Day of Instant November at one o'clock after noon to be held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in S. Town

at a Town meeting held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 5th Day of Nov. Instant Continued by adjournment from the 5th Day of March 1781 Being met according to adjournment and the Moderator Being absent the Town by Vote made Choice of Mr. Isaac Tomson Moderator of the Day at S. meeting Voted and made Choice of Capt. Jacob Tomson: Capt. Ezra Harlow: Capt. Nathl. Wilder: Capt. Henry Fairer: Capt. David Shorne: Capt. James Shaw: Capt. Zaddock Leonard: Capt. Abraham Shaw: and Capt. David Vaughan Collectors for to Collect the Tax made for to Pay the three and five month ones and that each Company be the District for the above Collectors to Collect

at S. meeting Voted to Remit in Do: Leonard Bill: Seth Joice Sum 12:17:1 ad Emper as also Hock Pinney 15:2:1 the Sum Salad 17:19:2

at S. meeting Voted to Remit in Benj. Reed's bill: Jonathan Reed: Joel Pool Sum 20:0:0 the Same to be Draught out of the

at S. meeting Voted to Remit the Widow Mary Lobb Sum 32:5:0 H. St. Nelson Sum 27:7:6 in Joseph Lushman's Bill the Sum Salad 69:12:6 Voted to Remit to Mr. Barnabas Raymond his Tax 12:11:10 in Paper & 4/7 in Silver in Benoni deane Rate Bitter as also to Mr. Barrows Tax in S. Lucas Kate Bitter 66:0:0 in Paper & 6/ in Silver Sum Salad 117:16:10 the Town then by Vote adjourned S. meeting to Monday 14 of Instant Nov. at two o'clock after noon to be held at the Baptist Precinct meeting House in S. Town

attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

1781

Middleborough

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Town
meeting
held
at
the
East
Precinct
meeting
house
on
Monday
the
19th
of
November
1781
Continued
by
adjournment
from
the
16th
of
July
1781

Town meeting Held at the East Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 19th of November 1781 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 Being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and there being no Business of Importance to be acted on the Town by Vote adjourned to the next Town meeting at the East Precinct meeting House at the East Precinct meeting House

July 1781
Chosen
for
Dei
Court
Nov 17
1781

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the East Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 19th of November 1781 and at said meeting Thomas Reed and David Thomas were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions at the Peace to be holden at Plymouth and for the County of Plymouth on the second Tuesday next

Anna
at
March
meeting

At a Town meeting Held at the East Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 19th of November 1781 Continued by adjournment from the fifth day of March 1783 at a meeting the Moderator being absent the Town made choice of Mr. Lebedee Moderator of the Day and then proceeded to the following Business

by
a
Committee
to
settle
the
debt
those
that
have
the
best
of
their
Judgment
of
what
is
Right
Between
the
Town
and
Individuals

Voted that the Committee appointed to settle with those Persons that have demands on the Town in old Paper money be empowered to settle with Mr. Lebedee Thomas and others in Simons Cases according to that which the Best of their Judgment of what is Right Between the Town and Individuals

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1781

Middleborough

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The
Town
of
Middleborough
to
Jacob
Bennet
7th
of
July
1781

The Town of Middleborough to Jacob Bennet 7th of July 1781
To 6 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 £ 11 4 7 1/2
To 7 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 10 1/2
October 9th 1781
To 6 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 11 8 1/2
To 6 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 2 13 1/2

Clark
3rd
1781

The Town of Middleborough to Noah Clark 3rd of February 1781
To 12 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 £ 19 1/2
To 9 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 10 1/2
February 19th 1781
To 6 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 £ 11 4 7 1/2
also to 5 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 2 13 1/2

Leonard
2nd
1781

The Town of Middleborough to George Leonard 2nd of February 1781
To 12 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 £ 19 1/2
To 9 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 10 1/2
February 19th 1781

Cobb
14th
1781

The Town of Middleborough to Ebenezer Cobb 14th of February 1781
To 7 Days making Rates at 4th of July 1781 £ 11 8 1/2
To 7 Sheets of Paper at 1st of July 1781 2 13 1/2

Then the Town by Vote adjourned to Monday the 31st of February next at one of the Clock after noon to be held at the East Precinct meeting House in the Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 31st of Dec^r 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 5th of March 1783 Being met by adjournment and the Moderator being absent the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator of the Day and then Being but a few People by Reason of the bad Weather said meeting was adjourned to Monday the 5th of Jan^r Next at Twelve o'clock to meet to be held at the above meeting House

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on the 31st of Dec^r 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1783 Being met by adjournment the Moderator thought his Plan and then appearing Not to be a sufficient number of inhabitants to do business said meeting was adjourned to the March Meeting in 1783 at one o'clock after Noon

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 31st of Dec^r 1782 at 1st Meeting Made choice of Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator the Weather being foul and but a few People the Town then to gether Saw fit to adjourn said Meeting to Monday the 5th of Jan^r Next at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting House

attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 31st of Dec^r 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 5th of March 1783 Being met by adjournment and the Moderator being absent the Town by Vote made choice of Mr Isaac Tompson Moderator of the Day and then Proceeded to the following Business

- 1st Made choice of the following Persons as Collectors for the year 1783.
- Joseph Ellis
 - Eliza Haskell
 - William Pratt +
 - Cap Lemuel Wood
 - Isaac Smith +
 - Benjamin Leonard +
 - Cap Gedion Southworth +
 - Enos Royneels +

Collectors

At said meeting Voted that Mr Stephen Hathaway be admitted to take one third Silver money for Town security for the first Bill Committed to him to collect on the Remainder in his Emision at the Rate of one and a Season Eight and What Remains in S^r Hathaway Hand after he has Paid in to the State and the Sum Required of him therein that he be directed to Pay the Remaining Part of S^r New Emision into the Town and at the above Rate

at 1st Meeting Voted to Remitt to Joseph Harlow Conpleh the Sum of £ 6-1-8 Old Emision Set to John Galloway of Nymet

2nd Voted to Remitt in John Benson Rate Bill £ 1-5-5 of Emision Set to Joseph Harlow for as also £ 1-0-0 Set to Sam^l Raymond in S^r Bensions Bill

Then the Town adjourned said Meeting to Tuesday the 15th of Jan^r Next at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting House

attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough 1791
 Annual Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 2^d of March 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 6th of March 1781 the Moderator making a point the Town made choice of Mr. Ebenezer Sprunt Moderator of the Day at said meeting the Town chose Mr. David Weston for serving as collector of Taxes
 But upon said Weston intimating that he would serve after he had taken the Oath into consideration the Town then recognized the above vote so that said Weston stands as a collector of Taxes for the present year -
 Then the Town voted to adjourn said meeting to Monday the fourth day of February next to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town at one o'clock after Noon

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting Feb 4/78
 All a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the fourth day of Feb^r 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 5th day of March 1781 Being met by adjournment the Moderator Being absent the Town then made choice of Mr. Balchilde Bennett Moderator of the Day and then proceed to the following Business viz
 Voted Not to excuse Mr. Silvanus Peterson from serving as a collector the present year

1782 Middleborough 1791
 The Town of Middleborough to George Leonard
 To 4 Days making Rates at 4/10 Day £ 0:16:0
 To 8 Sheets of Paper at 1/2 p Sheet - 0:0:4
 Octob^r 9th 1781 0:16:4

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1782 Middleborough 1791
 The Town of Middleborough to Ebenezer Cobb
 To 6 Days and a Half making Rates at 4/10 Day
 To 7 Sheets of Paper at 1/2 p Sheet Total £ 1:6:10
 Octob^r 9th 1781

The Town of Middleborough to Sophia White Esq^r
 June 1781 To 7 Days making Rates at 4/10 Day £ 1:8:0
 Nov^r 1780 To 14 Days making two Rates - 2:16:0
 No 11 1780 To 13 Days making two Rates - 2:12:0
 To 36 Sheets of Paper for Rates 0:4:0
 Feb^r 9 1781 To 6 Days making Rates 0:4:0
 Octob^r 9 1781 6 Days making Rates - 1:4:0
 To 8 Sheets of Paper at 1/2 0:1:0
 To 4 Days in Closing two Rates 0:12:0
 To 4 Sheets of Paper 1/2 - 6
 10:5:10

At said meeting Voted to Resign to Mr. John Morton in Capt Ezra Harlows Rate Bill Half a Poll Tax 1/10
 Then the Town dissolved said meeting
 Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

May 12th 1807 Rec^d of Arch^d Henshaw Constable for the Town of Middleborough Two hundred & fifty three shillings two

Middleborough

March Meeting held the 7th of March 1782
 Brought forward the names of the persons who were chosen for the following purposes were chosen into the respective offices here after named

1st Mr Isaac Tomson for the church

2nd Nathl Wilder for the church

3rd Mr Isaac Tomson for the church

4th Mr Thomas Nelson for the church

5th Mr John Marshall for the church

6th Nathl Wilder for the church

7th Nathl Wilder for the church

8th Nathl Wilder for the church

9th Nathl Wilder for the church

10th Nathl Wilder for the church

11th Nathl Wilder for the church

12th Nathl Wilder for the church

13th Nathl Wilder for the church

14th Nathl Wilder for the church

15th Nathl Wilder for the church

16th Nathl Wilder for the church

17th Nathl Wilder for the church

18th Nathl Wilder for the church

19th Nathl Wilder for the church

Middleborough

March Meeting held the 7th of March 1782
 Brought forward the names of the persons who were chosen for the following purposes were chosen into the respective offices here after named

1st Mr Isaac Tomson for the church

2nd Nathl Wilder for the church

3rd Mr Isaac Tomson for the church

4th Mr Thomas Nelson for the church

5th Mr John Marshall for the church

6th Nathl Wilder for the church

7th Nathl Wilder for the church

8th Nathl Wilder for the church

9th Nathl Wilder for the church

10th Nathl Wilder for the church

11th Nathl Wilder for the church

12th Nathl Wilder for the church

13th Nathl Wilder for the church

14th Nathl Wilder for the church

15th Nathl Wilder for the church

16th Nathl Wilder for the church

17th Nathl Wilder for the church

18th Nathl Wilder for the church

19th Nathl Wilder for the church

1782 Middleborough 1981

Annual Meeting March continued

11th Joseph Bates, John of Latham
Jacob Bourn as
William Bourn as
Capt Jacob Bourn as
Capt William Bourn as

12th Lt William Bourn as
Mr Silas Wade
Mr Major Thomas
Mr James Perkins

13th Daniel Smith
Ephraim Bunker
Seth Bunker
William Bunker
John Bunker
Isaac Miller

14th Nathan Highmore
Nathan Warren Jr

15th Voted that same Liberty be allowed in taking the fish at Hingham as in years past

16th Voted that the same have liberty to run at Long Yoke and Ringed

17th Voted to elect a Committee of three men to settle with the Town Treasurer Mr William Bourn, Capt William Bourn and Isaac Bourn

18th The Town then Voted to adjourn said meeting to Wednesday the 20 of March 1782 to the above Meeting House in S. Town

1782 Middleborough 1981

Annual Meeting March continued

19th At a Town Meeting held at the Baptist Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 19th day of March 1782 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

20th Ezra Clark and Capt William Bourn were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury and Mr John Bunker to be Archipens sole and Ezra Bunker were appointed to be trading out of the Box as the Law direct to serve on the jury of Trials at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday in April next

21st At a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the Baptist Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 21st day of March 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 16 of July 1781 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon

22nd Voted to choose a Committee of nine men to revise a Report of a former Committee Relating to making an advice in the Town of what Service has been done in the present War

23rd Seth Bunker, Capt Abner Bourn, Col. William Bunker, Peter Bunker, Capt David Thomas, Samuel Bunker, Isaac Bunker, Capt James Wade, Benjamin Bunker, Benjamin Thomas

24th Who are appointed all Committee for the above purpose

25th Upon the Town Voted to adjourn said Meeting to Wednesday the 20th day of March Instant at 10 o'clock after Noon

26th attest Nath. Wilder Town Clerk

Annual Meeting held at the meeting house at the
 March 20th 1782 in Middleborough on Monday the
 Twenty 20th day of March 1782 Continued by adjourn-
 ment from the forth day of March 1782
 and being met by adjournment the Moderator
 took his Place and then proceeded to the following
 Business

1st Voted to allow Mr Isaac Comison the account against
 the Town for his going to Boston on business for the
 Town and Lawing out Rodent 2:00:0 Simonson
 2nd Voted to chuse a Committee of two men to settle the
 account between Mr Isaac Comison as conducting a matter
 in the behalf of the Town Relations to S^r Comison
 Simonson on Monday by Mr Comison of which is depre-
 ciated by S^r Comison & agree that the freedom of Refusen
 to be paid - Mr John Alden & Nathaniel Wilbur a Committee

3rd Voted to allow and pay to Mr Joseph Clark out of the Town
 0:12:0 for the sum of 0:12:0 in full of his account for
 four days taking care of the alvies fishery in 1781
 4th Voted to allow and pay out of the Town the sum of sixteen
 shillings to Mr Abner Barrow in full of his account for 16
 days taking care of the Alvies fishery in 1781
 5th Voted to allow and pay out of the Town the sum of six
 shillings to Mr Abner Barrow for each Hundred of Beef
 that S^r Barrow turned in to the Town in the year 1780
 6th at P^r Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town
 money to Joseph White the sum of two Pound &
 six Pence in full for 7 days preparing State Bills
 and making a State Tax in Jan^y 1782
 2:07:6 as all for Three days making a Rate for Capt Leonards
 Company for which the Town promise to allow pay

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Annual Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town
 March 20th 1782 the sum of one Pound eight Shilling and six Pence in full
 for a account for a day making Rates and 6
 shillings of Paper Jan^y 20 1782

at P^r Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town
 1st Voted to the following Sums for the Respective Sums
 set against their Names for their Services as a Comm^{tee}
 that Purchased Beef in the year 1781
 To S^r William Comison for seven days 1:11:0
 To Roger Nashell six days - 0:18:0
 To Levi Ward six days - 0:10:0
 To Batchelder Bonnet four days - 0:12:0
 To Abner Ward seven days - 1:1:0
 To Henry Leonard six days - 0:18:0
 To Peter Hear seven days - 0:9:0
 To James Smith four days - 0:16:0
 7:4:0

at P^r Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town the sum of
 10 shillings to Mr Joseph Clark the sum of one Pound eight Shilling & 6
 Pence in full of his account for seven days making Rates and six
 shillings of Paper in Jan^y 20 1782

at P^r Meeting Voted to Remitt unto Mr Joseph Pinnney
 all his Sums in Cap^t Wards Bill as also in Mr S^r Comison
 Bill Likewise Voted that S^r Pinnney shall be excused
 from paying any more Sums for the future

Voted to Remitt to S^r Joseph Clark the sum of 10 shillings in 1781
 John Thomas Pollock in two separate the sum of
 one Pound four Shilling & eight Pence

Voted to excuse Joseph Pinnham from serving as a Juror
 and Chose Mr Thomas Supper in his Room & Place

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1782 Middleborough 1782
 Annual meeting
 at a meeting held to choose a Committee of five men
 on John M. Lyman, Capt Isaac Reed, Nathaniel
 Bennett and Mr. Luke Brown from serving as
 assessors and on a choice of Capt William Shaw
 and John Brown on Mr. Stephen Thomas and Abner
 Kingman and Benjamin Sporners assessors for
 the ensuing year

Committee
 to examine the last relation to the Authority that the
 Town hath in making a new Valuation or making
 such alteration as appears to be just in the old one
 so that our taxation may be more equal than
 what they now are and report to the Town as soon
 as may be

Capt William Shaw
 Capt Isaac Reed
 Mr. Nathaniel Bennett
 Call John Nelson
 J. Peter Wear

Cushman at said meeting voted to remitt interest Joseph Cushman
 the sum of 100 dollars and to give him that the Constable

Capt Brown voted to choose Capt Abner Brown from serving
 as a Warden and on a choice of Capt Joseph
 Carver in his stead

Then the Town by vote adjourned to meeting to
 the first Monday in April Next at two o'clock
 after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
 House in P. Town attest Nath. Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough 1782
 at a Town Meeting held at the meeting House in the
 Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday
 the 27th day of March 1782 Continued by adjourn
 ment from the 1st of July 1781 being on set by
 adjournment the Moderator took his Place
 and a motion being made to let whether the Town
 would adjourn to meeting voted in the affirmative
 then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday
 in April Next at three o'clock in the afternoon
 in the above meeting House in P. Town

attest Nath. Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Regularly Ward and held at the Easterly
 Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the first
 day of April 1782 for the choice of a Governor and
 a Governor and the following being voted for in their votes for
 the following Gentlemen

John Hancock Esq. of Boston Governor
 George Watson Esq. of Plymouth Governor
 Daniel Bowdoin Esq. of Boston
 Samuel Adams Esq.
 George Watson Esq. of Plymouth
 William Loom Esq. of Kingston
 Thomas Leaking Esq.
 Nath. Senter Middleboro
 Amos Singletary Esq.
 John Leaking Esq.
 William Senter Esq.
 Charles Turner Esq.
 Nathaniel Thomas Esq.
 Capt Nathan Metabel
 David Jones Esq.
 Noah Leaking Esq.
 Elisha Brown Sprout Esq.
 Mr. John Million
 Then voted said meeting

1782

Middlebrook

and a downy morning. Went at the Eastern, Prospect on
Monday Morn^g in Middleborough on Monday the
first day of April 1782 Continued by a journa
ment from the 20th day March last and being
made by a journey among the hills and back to New
Hamp^{sh} Proceeded to the following Buisness viz
to the Smith's nation. Voted the com^{rs} Daniel

Thomas 1:08 Kate B. H. & J. 1:08

*at St meeting Voted to keep all Bibles & Books
Popl Lane in on David Weston Note Bill. L. 1-5-7*

at London setting Vols to be used above and in
at Benjamin Spooner Sec John Samson

from Solving as appears.

and made Chorus by Capt. Zedekiah Leonard and
Samuel Nelson and Thomas Richardson as before.

4th 99

as a select man and chose Mr Larkins West
a select man in P. Hardens Room and stood

Chosen a solid onion in a narrow room and
at said meeting voted and made choice of

Constable Eliza Freckham Joseph Burrows Stephen

*Chosen Washburn John Henselton John M. Cully Jr.
Linnah Pierce L. Elmer Leonard Bros*

John Benjamin Leonard Longfellow for

James Smith
of
the English year

1841 a
Voted that the Constable this Present year

6th Shall not be obliged to take but two Sittings Bills

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7th ly

for their Cover of Duty. —
Noted and made Chas. Capt. En: Benjamin Parls

St James Weston & Lt William Tomson a Committee

Committee to join with Mr John Leach to Portation the
to join Protest and General Court Relation to Service that his

on Leach Son has been in the French War that the Town have

Had No Credit for 1

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1782

Middlebury

At said meeting voted to borrow \$1000 from
 Messrs. a Surgeon of Hippias and Chase
 Messrs. Larned by such in said Clark's hands

The 1st meeting ~~being~~ voted to Remitt to the

John Brown, Collector of Taxes for the Town of New
Bristol, in S. Brunswick Co. Va.

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Jonathan Reed - - 662020

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at said meeting Voted to allow and pay out of

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Jan 22: 1782 - then the Town adjourned the above on adj
Assembly meeting at two o'clock after noon

At a Town meeting Continued by adjournment from
the 11th to the 12th inst. by adjournment on the 12th

The 16th of July 1781 being met by only one more on the road
the first day of April 1782 the 1st of Lock his Place

motion being made to adjourn. Proceeding the

Joined by Vote adjourned till meeting to morrow evening
at three o'clock after Noon.

attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

1702
Town Meeting
for Jury
men for
May
Court
April
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1702

Middleborough 1702

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 16th Day of April 1702 -
At said Meeting Voted Not to Chuse a Committee to Doe with the assessors in Taking a Valuation -
Voted that the Assessors Proceed to Clap the Inhabitants agreeable to the Law for Raising the men Called for to fill up the Continential Army by the Last Valuation -
Voted to make the Present assessment that is Called for according to the best Description of the assessors Shew the Town by Vote Directed Sald Meetings -
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Town Meeting
for Jury
men for
May
Court
April
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1702

At a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 16th Day of April 1702 -
and Capt Josiah Carver and M^r Caleb Tomson Were Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury and Capt Jacob Tomson and M^r Isaac Pinkins Were appointed by Drawing out of the Box as the Law Directs to Serve on the Jury of Socials at the Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of apize and General Court of Pleas to be Holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Next -

1702 Middleborough 1702

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 16th Day of May 1702 -
for the Purpose of Chusing one or more Good and Lawfull men to Represent S^r Town at the Great & General Court of this Common Welth to be Convened and held at the State House in Boston on the Last - Wednesday in May Instant -
At said Meeting Chose m^r Ebene^r Wood and M^r Isaac Tomson to Represent S^r Town of Middleborough at the Great and General Court to be held as afore said and During the Session or Sessions for the Enquing year
Voted that the above Representatives be Chosen with the Restriction that they go for half Pay -
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Give their Representatives Instruction as also to Chuse them by Nomination m^r William Bonnet m^r John Miller M^r Benjamin Thomas m^r Samuel Purinton and M^r Lebeded Sproutt the above Committee -
Then the Town by Vote adjourned S^r meeting to Monday the 20th Day of May Instant at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in S^r Town -
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough

at a Town meeting held at the Meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the 7th Day of May 1782 Continued by adjournment from the fourth of March 1782 Being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then Proceeded to the following Business - - -

1st Voted to excuse Mr Sam^l Nelson from serving as an assessor and made choice of Mr Noah Clark in S^r Nelson Room and Place
At S^r meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Sam^l Nelson the Sum of Ten Shillings it being for his making Rates two days and a half for Capt Shaw Company a greivable to a former Vote of the Town

2nd Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Sam^l Perkins the Sum of 0¹⁰ 2⁹ 0⁰ full of his account for making Rates four days and six sheets of Paper for the use of Capt Shaw Company

Then the Town by Vote adjourned said meeting to the Next Town meeting attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the Seventh Day of May 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 and being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then appearing know Business of Importance the Town by Vote adjourned S^r meeting to the Next Town meeting

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough

1781

Annual at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 20th Day of May 1782 Continued by adjournments from the fourth Day of March Last past being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place to Proceed to the following Business

1st Voted and made choice of Mr Amos Wood a Collector of Taxes in the Room and stead of Amos Boyant who was Not Warranted to take his Oath according to Law
2nd Voted to excuse Mr Elisha Freeman from serving as Constable the Present year and made choice of Mr Thomas Spruell a Constable in S^r Lincolns Room and Place

At S^r meeting Voted to excuse Lth Hannah Leonard from serving as Constable the Present year and made choice of Capt Hedion Southworth in S^r Leonard Room and Place

At said meeting Voted to excuse Enos Perine from serving as Constable the Present year and made choice of Mr Malachi Howland in said Perine Room and Place

At said meeting Voted to excuse John M^l Cully from serving as Constable the Present year and made choice of Isaac Amos Nelson Constable in S^r M^l Cully Room

3rd Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Mr Eben^l Cobb the Sum of 0¹ 10¹ 7⁰ Silken money it being for 7¹/₂ days making Rates at 14th St Day as all 7 sheets of Paper at 3rd Sheet Jan^{ry} 23rd 1782

4th Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Pap Joshua Eddy the Sum of 0¹ 5⁰ 0⁰ it being for money for his journey to Boston on Business for the Town

5th Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Joseph Leonard the Sum of 0² 7⁰ 0⁰ Silken money it being a Mistake made by Joshua White Esq on a paper in taking the Valuation
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1782 Middleborough

at Said Meeting Voted to Remit unto Mr. Jabez Eaton Constable in 1778 Abner Weston Poll Tax in S. Weston 13. 11. 6 as also Henry Washburn Tax £1. 3. 0 Which Sums are to be Consolidated and Paid out of the Town Treasury the Tax Was made Jan 2 1770
at Said meeting Voted to Remit to Hezekiah Purinton Collector Daniel Downing Taxes £66. 1. 0 Old Satisfactions as also 6. 11. 0 money the same to be Paid out of the Town Treas.
Then the Town Voted to adjourn Said meeting to Monday the third day of June Next to be held at the above meeting House at two o'clock after noon
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 20th day of May 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 being ordered by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business 1782
Voted to excuse Mr. Seth Pinkhorn from serving as one of the Committee to make an airage and made choice of Mr. Daniel Thomas in P. Pinkhorn room
Voted and made choice of Deacon Benjamin Chairman of the Committee Relative to the Airage and then adjourned Said meeting to the third day of June Next at three o'clock after Noon to be held at the above meeting House
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 20th day of May 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 being ordered by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business 1782
at Said meeting Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee appointed to draw up a sum for satisfaction for the Representatives the ensuing year
Then the Town dismissed Said meeting
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough at their meeting House on Monday the 5th day of June 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 4th day of March 1782 Being ordered by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and then Proceeded to the following Business 1782
at Said meeting Voted to accept of Mr. David Weston as a Constable in the Room and stead of Mr. Benjamin Leonard who Was Chosen Last March by S. Leonard Being duly sworn for P. Weston
Voted to excuse Capt. Gideon Southworth from serving as Constable the Present year
Voted to excuse L. Thomas Sprout from serving as Constable the Present year
Then the Town Voted to adjourn the above meeting to Monday the tenth day of June Instant at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in P. Town
The Town meeting Continued by adjournment from the 16th of July 1781 stands adjourned to the above time and place
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough 221

Annual
Town meet-
ing by
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only

at a Town meeting Held at the Meeting House
in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on
Monday the 10th Day of June 1782 Continued by
adjournments from the forth Day of March 1782
and Being met by adjournment the Moderator
took his Place and Proceeded to the following
Business 10731

Stephen
Washburn
a
Constable

at said meeting Voted and made Choice of Stephen
Washburn a Constable for the Present year

Briggs
a
Constable

at said meeting Voted and made Choice of Eben Briggs
for a Constable in the Room and stead of Lth Thomas
Sprout Excused -

3^{ly}
Thomas
17:0

Voted to Remitt unto m^r Daniel Thomas Constable
in 1781 the Widow Mary Cobb Tax in P^r Thomas
15th the Sum of one Pound Seven Shilling Sixpence
as also Voted that the above Widow Cobb Estates
be Not Taxed any more -

Widow Cobb
Not Taxed
any more

4^{ly}
Clark
4:16

Voted to Remitt unto Vost^r Joseph Clark Constable
46 Dollars New Emission that is Counterfeit and
to allow and Pay out of the Town the above sum in like
money -

5^{ly}
Leonard
th 5th
7:0

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Leonard the 5th Constable
Twenty four New Emission Dollars that is Counterfeit
and for P^r Leonard to be Paid out of the Treasury
of the Town the above Sum in like money -

6^{ly}
Tomson
7th
Chosen
Constable

Voted to allow and Pay out of the Town 2nd
to m^r Isaac Tomson Scantown New Emission Dollars
in Consequence of he Paid m^r for man in the behalf
of the Town -
Voted and made Choice of John Smith a Constable
in the Room and stead of Cap^t Gedion Southworth
Then the Town adjourned said meeting to three
Weeks from this Day to be held at the above
Place at two o'clock after Noon -

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1782 Middleborough 222

Aviary
Meeting
held June
18th 1782

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct
in Middleborough on Monday the 18th Day of June
1782 at said meeting the avary meeting being called
on the moderator took his Place and By Reason of the
Committee not being Ready to Report to the Town P^r meeting
Was adjourned to Monday the first Day of July 1782
to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Plain

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Darling
P
Nath^l Wilder
Bond

Knows all men By these Present that we Benjamin Darling
and Thomas Shurtwarrant both of Middleborough in the County of
Plymouth are Wellborn and Lawfully bound and Oblige
unto Caleb Tomson of the Town and County aforesaid in the
full sum of one thousand Dollars in Silver money to be
Paid unto the said Caleb Tomson his heirs Executors or
administrators to the said Caleb Tomson Well and Truly to be paid
and we bind our selves Executors and administrators
firmly by these Presents Sealed with our Seals Dated this
Twenty first Day of June 1782 -

The Conditions of this Obligation is Such that if the
said Benjamin Darling and Thomas Shurtwarrant shall
Clear Caleb Tomson from any further Cost or Charge
By Reason of his giving his Negro woman Mordine
Whose Name is Diah so that she be no Charge nor Cost
hereafter to the P^r Caleb Tomson or his heirs or the Town
of Middleborough then the above obligation to be void
and of none Effect otherwise to Remain in full force
and Virtue -

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us -
John Soule
John Soule

Ben^d Darling
Thos Shurtwarrant

1782

Middleborough

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jurison at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct
 Chosen for July 1782 at S^d meeting Cap John Carver and
 Court of June 1782 at S^d meeting Cap John Carver and
 24 of June 1782 at S^d meeting Cap John Carver and
 of the Bore as the law Directs to Serve on the Jury of
 Tryals at the Next Court of General Sessions
 at the Peace to be Holden at Plymouth in and
 for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday
 of July Next

Annual
 March
 Meeting
 at a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct
 Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 5th
 day of July 1782 Continued by adjournments from the
 1st day of March 1782 being meet by adjournment the
 Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following
 Business 1782

1st Voted to excuse Eben^r Briggs Jun^r from serving a
 Constable the Present year and made choice of John
 Bent a Constable in the Room and Place of S^r Briggs
 2^d Voted and made choice of Eben^r Cobb Salab^r Bonnet Jun^r
 and Cap^t Joshua Eddy a Committee to examine in
 to the Tax Lode on the Land under the Care of Esq^r
 Willis of Bridgewater S^r Land Lying in this Town
 3^d Voted to excuse Shabed. Allcock from serving
 as Surveyor of Highways and made choice
 of Nath^l Shaw Jun^r in S^r Allwood Room
 Then the Town by Vote adjourned meeting to the
 Next Town meeting to be held at the above meeting
 house at two o'clock after Noon

4th as also the Airing meeting stands adjourned
 to the above Time and Place

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1782

Middleborough

1214

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct
 meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 1st day
 of August 1782 & Proceeded to the following Business 1782
 Voted and made choice of m^r Isaac Tomson Moderator

Voted and made choice of Deacon Ben^r Thomas m^r William
 Benoit & m^r Joseph Bunker a Committee to Perchained
 the Gate and give a Court Relation to the Grocers
 as that we could not at the present day and Report to the
 Town Voted to call on the Capt^l & called that money
 payable
 Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to on Monday the
 Nineteenth day of August instant at one o'clock
 in the after noon

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Annual
 Town Meeting
 at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the
 Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on the 6th day of
 August 1782 Continued by adjournment from the fifth
 day of March 1782 being meet by adjournment the
 Moderator took his Place but there being no Business
 of Importance the Town adjourned meeting to Monday
 the Nineteenth day of August instant at one o'clock after
 Noon

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the
 Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on the 6th day of
 August 1782 Continued by adjournments from the 16th
 day of July 1781 being meet by adjournment the Moderator
 took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business
 a motion being made to Hear the Report of a Committee
 Chosen Relative to making an airage in the Town of what
 Service hath been done Since the Present War commenced
 Voted Not to except of the above Report
 Then the Town by Vote adjourned meeting
 at the above Time and Place

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1782

Middleborough 1782

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Nineteenth Day of August 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 6th Day of August
Being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place

1st Voted that there be added to the Committee two more men to join the Committee chosen the 6th Day of August to Partition the Great and General Court Relative to our Governor made Choice of Mr. Balch and Benoit and L. Isham Wood
Then the Town by Vote Adjourned Said meeting to the 3rd Monday in Sept. Next

Then Annual March Meeting Continued by Adjournment from the 5th Day of March Next Hands adjourned to Monday the Second Day of Sept. Next at Two o'clock after Noon
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 2nd Day of Sept 1782 at said meeting Joseph Leonard and Joshua Shaw Ward appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Inferiour Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next

1782

Middleborough 1782

At a Town meeting meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Second Day of Sept 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 5th Day of March 1782 being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the following Business 1781

1st Voted to Remitt to Nathl. Wilder a Pool Save Set in the Rate Bills against Mr. Eleazer Pratt on David Turner account the sum of four Shillings & 6 pence
2^d Voted to excuse John Bent from serving as Constable the Present year and made Choice of Elsha Case as Constable for the Present year in S^d Bent's Room
3^d Voted and made Choice of Mr. Eben Wood as an agent to prosecute all those Constables that Refuse to take their Oaths and to serve in P. office

4th Voted and made Choice of Confiden Newland a Constable for the Room and Stead of Mr. Malachi Newland his father who was chosen Sum Time Back and Mr. S. has Not Been Warned as the Law Requires

5th At P. meeting Voted to Remitt until Deacon Amos Nelson all the save's set against his Pool in the year 1782
6th At said meeting Voted to except the following Reporting the Committee Chosen to examine into the Valuation of the Land and that Coll^d Eben Sprout Improver that Belong to the Heirs of the Rear Mr. Silvanus Conant Voted to Report that the S^d Land was saved Doubt and that the Heirs of the Saver that Coll^d Sprout hath Paid for P. Land Should be Remitted unto him

Then the Town adjourned the above meeting to Monday the Sixteenth Day of Instant Sep^r at one o'clock in the after Noon
attest Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

annual
meeting
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16th of
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at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 16th Day of
Sept 1782 Continued by adjournment from the 1st Day of
March 1782 and Being met by adjournment the Moderator
Took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business
At a meeting Voted and made Choice of m^r Isaac Statham
a fitting man for the Present year

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
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At said meeting Voted to excuse m^r Elisha Freeman from serving
as Constable the Present year

At a
meeting
by
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16th of
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Voted to Re-choose a former Voted Pap^r may the 20 1782
Relative to Excusing m^r Elisha Freeman from serving
as Constable the Present year

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
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from
the
16th of
Sept

At said meeting by Vote made Choice of m^r Elisha Freeman
as Constable the Present year in the Room and stead of Elisha
Freeman

Then the Town by Vote adjourned P^r meeting to Monday
the Seventh Day of October Next at one o'clock in the
after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
house in P^r Town

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
Sept

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 16th of Sept
1782 Continued by adjournment from the 6th of
August 1782 being met by adjournment the Moderator
Took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business
Voted to Except of the Report of the Committee appointed
to Petition the Hon^{le} the Great and Hon^{le} Court for
for Redress of Grievances

Then the meeting was Dismissed

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a
meeting
by
adjourn
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16th of
Sept

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough
on Monday the Seventh Day of October 1782 Continued by adj
ournment from the 1st of March 1782 being met by adjourn
ment at the Easterly Precinct and Proceeded to the following
Business

At a
meeting
by
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Sept

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers m^r George Leonard
the Sum of £226 4 0 for his Emision it being for his Service
of 28 Days taking the Valuation and four Sheds of Paper
in the year 1780

Then the Town adjourned P^r meeting to the fall meeting
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
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at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house
in Middleborough on Monday the 20th Day of Nov^r 1782
at said meeting m^r Isaac Soate and m^r John Bly were
Appointed by Drawing out of the Box as the Law Directs
to serve on the Jury of Trials at the Next Inferior
Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth in
and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tues
day of Term Next

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
Sept

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough
on Monday the 20th of Nov^r 1782 Continued by adjournment from
the 1st of March 1782 being met by adjournment the
Moderator Took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business
Voted to excuse m^r John Knowlton from serving as Constable and made
Choice of m^r Rufus Weston a Constable in his Room and stead

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
Sept

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to m^r John Montgomery
the Sum of £5 10 0 in Silver money in consideration of
his supplying the Widow Sackett with a Gun and Bayonet to the
Exceptance of m^r Rufus Richmond in consideration of a Gun and Bayonet
Taken from his Husband not due for the the of the army

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
Sept

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to the Widow Lydia Sackett
the Sum of £3 14 0 Silver money it being for two Blankets
the Town had for the use of the army
Voted and made Choice of m^r Sam^l Parvinton an agent to the State
Elisha Freeman for not serving as a Constable

At a
meeting
by
adjourn
ment
from
the
16th of
Sept

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasurers to Benjamin Parvinton
his account for inspection of the River £ 5 12 0
At a meeting Voted to allow Sam^l Parvinton £13 in full of his
account for Service done for the Town
Then the Town adjourned P^r meeting to the first Monday
in January Next

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Middleborough

1219

1782

Full Meeting

1st by

2nd by

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25th by

At Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct in Midd-
leborough on Monday the 25th of Nov 1782 Being duly
Warned and Regular Assembled Proceeded to the following
Business 1781

Voted and made Choice of m^r Isaac Tomson Moderator

at said meeting Voted that the Committee appointed to
Consolidate paper money Security be directed to put all
those Securities on Interest that bore on Interest before Consolidation
and Voted back to the Time When Consolidated

at said meeting Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed
Not to answer any more Orders from those Persons that
have demands on the Town untill the Possessor of said
Security go to the T^r and make a Settlement and have
the Balance due to them Entered as their Credit on the Town
Book

at said meeting Voted that the Town Sec^y be directed to act
in his own Discretion Relative to granting Executions on
the Delinquent Constable & Collector

at said meeting Voted to Consult ^{Bridgman} Halifax Relative
to the Petition of Cap^t William West and others for Liberty
of Building a Dam a Cross the Great River near Situbut
falls in order to build a gristmill

Voted and made Choice of m^r Benjamin Darling L^t

Jehad Wood & Cap^t Jacob Tomson a Committee

to join a Committee from the above mentioned Towns
to view the Situation of the Place proposed and Report to the
Town

Voted and made Choice of Cap^t Ladd Leonard L^t William

Tomson & L^t Edmund Weston a Committee to draw a Plan

for disposing of the alewives fishery in Newmarket River
at the Milling mill ditch the Deputy Comm^r

Then the Town adjourned & meeting for one Quarter
of an hour

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1782

Middleborough

1220

Full Meeting

brought

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25th by

being met by adjournment the moderator took his Place
and the Report of the Committee for disposing of the
fish is as followeth 1781

To the Town of Middleborough Gentlemen

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee to Lay
a Plan to Dispose of the alewives fishery Report as
followeth 1781

To Sell the fish as usual

With this Restriction that who ever buys S^t fish shall
be Laid under bond of fifty Pounds L^m to be Paid unto
said Town Tre^r that they shall not take more than
one Shilling S^t Hundred for fish direct nor indirect
that S^t Persons shall take the following Produce

Indian Corn Rye & Oats or bar been at the then Market
Price

that the Purchasers shall not sell no more of said fish
than for their own Consumption if any body appear to buy

Voted Nov^r 25 1781

Ladd Leonard

Edmund Weston

William Tomson

Then the Town by Vote accepted of the above Report
and made Choice of m^r Isaac Tomson Vendue Master

for the Sale of the alewives fishery

Then adjourned & meeting to the house of Capt^t Sprad
to be held immediately

Being met by adjournment the moderator took his Place
and proceeded to the disposing of the fish

Voted that the Purchaser of S^t fish be the dispenser of the
River and to have all the Fines Rec^d for any Breach of
Law Relative to catching S^t fish

at S^t Vendue m^r Eben^r Briggs appeared and bid for the
privilege of the alewives fishery the sum of

Twenty five Shillings Silver money which the Highest
that any body bid so the above Privilege was sold to
be S^t Briggs and Capt^t William Tomson

appeared as witnesses for S^t Briggs to the Satisfaction
of the Town then the meeting was adjourned

To the first Monday in Jan^y next at 10 o'clock

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1783

Annual
Meeting
Jan^y 1783

Middleborough (221)

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the first Monday in Jan^y 1783 continuing by several adjournments from March 1782 and being meet by adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to the following business first

1st Said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Tomson Collector of Taxes for 1782 Ellis muscham due in said Tomson 13th the Sum of £ 13 17 Sixpence

2nd Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Consult with the Town Ind^{ty} Relat^{ed} to the Demands the Town hath or any of the Constable or Collector that belongs to Boston and Give Sum Direction to the Ind^{ty} Relat^{ed} to Sending them Executions in Case the Committee think proper
The above Committee are Deacon Ben^y Thomas
m^r Isaac Tomson
Capt Josiah Garson

Then the Town by Vot^{ed} Defolved said meeting
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Town meeting
held the
20th of Jan^y 1783

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 20th Day of Jan^y 1783 at said meeting proceeded to the following Business

1st Voted and Chose m^r Seth Dickson moderator on his Request the Town Deceased him and made Chose m^r Isaac Tomson moderator

2nd Voted to Chuse a Committee of seven men to Draw shewing either by way of Petition or Remonstrance an Instruction for the Representatives to the Court and General Court to present the officers and soldiers being under pay after they are discharged from the Army

Town to be paid

1783 Middleborough (222)

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the first Monday in Jan^y 1783 continuing by several adjournments from March 1782 and being meet by adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to the following business first
1st Said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Tomson Collector of Taxes for 1782 Ellis muscham due in said Tomson 13th the Sum of £ 13 17 Sixpence
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The above Committee are Deacon Ben^y Thomas
m^r Isaac Tomson
Capt Josiah Garson

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on the first Monday in Jan^y 1783 continuing by several adjournments from the 25th of Nov^r 1782 being meet by adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to the following business first
1st Said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Tomson Collector of Taxes for 1782 Ellis muscham due in said Tomson 13th the Sum of £ 13 17 Sixpence
2nd Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Consult with the Town Ind^{ty} Relat^{ed} to the Demands the Town hath or any of the Constable or Collector that belongs to Boston and Give Sum Direction to the Ind^{ty} Relat^{ed} to Sending them Executions in Case the Committee think proper
The above Committee are Deacon Ben^y Thomas
m^r Isaac Tomson
Capt Josiah Garson

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Tuesday the 20th Day of Jan^y 1783 continuing by several adjournments from Monday the 20th of Jan^y 1783 being meet by adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to the following business first
1st Voted and Accepted the Report of the Committee
2nd Voted that the second article in the Warrant be Recommended to the above Committee
by adding four more to the Committee John Ripley Deacon Thomas John Smith Capt Josiah Garson
Where added to the Committee
Voted to adjourn for the space of one hour to the House of m^r Libe Catons
Being meet by adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to business

3rd Voted and Accepted the Report of the Committee
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1783 Middleborough 1223

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 4th day of Feb^r 1783 Continued by adjournment from Jan^r 20th 1783 being met by adjournment the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following Business viz^t a motion being made that as the meeting was very thin to be if the Town would adjourn^r meeting to Tuesday the Eleventh day of Instant Feb^r to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in said Town at two o'clock after noon -

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on ~~Monday~~ the Eleventh day of Feb^r 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 2^d of Jan^r 1783 Being met by adjournment the moderator took his place viz^t Voted to Except the Report of the Committee and be Sign^d By the Clerk of the Town and Sent forward to the General Court immediately - Then the Town By Vote Dissolved & meeting

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough 1224

Know all Men by these Presents that We Coll^l William Tupper Gent^l Joseph Pratt & Lt James Weston & Micah Bryant all of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth in New England Greeting am Holden & Stand firmly bound and Obliged unto and Caleb Tomson of the said Town & County afore said in the full and last sum of one thousand pounds Lawfull money to be paid unto the said Caleb Tomson he or his Heirs Executors or administrators to the with payment well and truly to be made we bind our Selves our Executors and administrators firmly by these present Sealed with our Seals this 11th day of July 1782

The Condition of the above obligation is Such that Where as the said Caleb Tomson hath lately sold his Negro man Named Prince. Now if the said Coll^l William Tupper Joseph Pratt & Lt James Weston & Micah Bryant they or their Heirs shall acquitt and discharge the said Caleb Tomson and his Heirs from any Cost or Charge that the Negor Might otherwise be to the said Caleb Tomson or his Heirs or the Town of Middleborough then the above obligation to be Void and of None Effect otherwise to Remain in full force and Virtue & in Testimony hereof we have here unto Set our hand & Seals this 11th day of July 1782

Signed Sealed & Delivered in Presence of us -

John Soule
James Soule

William Tupper
Joseph Pratt
James Weston
Micah Bryant

The above is a copy from the Original.

1783

Annual
March
Meeting

1783

10th day1st2nd

adjourn

to

the 18th

of instant

March

Summon

Chosen

for April

Court

Middleborough

1783

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meet-
ing House in Middleborough on Monday the tenth
day of March 1783 for the choice of Town officers
and other Business Contained in the Warrant
and the following Persons Were Chosen in to the Respective
offices Near after named 1783

Mr Rufus Richmond Was Chosen Moderator

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Then the Town Voted To adjourn the meeting by
Reasons of the Severity of the Weather to Tuesday
the eighteenth day of March Instant at Ten O'clock
in the forenoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct
meeting House in R Town

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting house in the
Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the
tenth day of March 1783 at said meeting Deacon
Ebene^r Briggs and Capt William Shaw were Chosen
to serve on the Grand Jury and Mr Ezra Soale Jacob
million & Henry Leonard Jun^r were appointed by draw-
ing out of the Box as the Law Directs to serve on
the Jury of Inquests at the next Inferiour Court of
at Common Pleas to be holden at Plymouth in &
for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday
of April Next

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Annual
March
meeting

Continued

by adjourn

ment from

the 10th dayto the 18th

day

1783

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Middleborough

1783

At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the
Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Tuesday the eight-
eenth day of March 1783 Continued by adjournment
from the 10th of said March Being ordered by adjournment
the Moderator took his place & proceeded to
the following Business 1783

Mr Thomas Nelson

Mr Isaac Johnson

Mr Zachariah Weston

Mr Rufus Richmond

Mr John Mordock

Mr Nath^l Wilder

Mr Ezra Clark

Mr Eben^r Briggs

Mr Andrew Cobb

Mr Elijah Reed

Mr Nath^l Smith

Mr Josiah Carver

Mr Isaac Johnson

Mr Zadoch Leonard

Mr Rufus Richmond

Mr Noah Clark

Mr Silas White

Mr John South

Mr Matthias Ellis

Mr Caleb Simmons & Son

Mr Ethanah Leonard

Mr John M^c Cully Jun^r

Mr Jeremiah Thomas

Mr Job Pierce &

Mr John Eaton

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annual
meeting
for
1783
8th by

m^r Eleazer Thomas
m^r Jesse Bayant
m^r Isaac Hathaway
L^t Daniel Smith
m^r Sam^l Richardson
L^t Robert H. obridge } Wardens

9th by
L^t John Smith & Joseph Shaw L^t John Soule & Coll^{rs}
William Supper L^t Edmund Weston; Elijah Alden; Daniel
Thrasher; Eben^l White; Jonathan Washburn Jun^r
Nath^l Foster Jun^r; L^t Ezra Clark; John Parris
Surgeons Sam^l Miller; Cap^t Joshua Eddy; Jonathan Minney
of Cap^t David Thomas; Eben^l Barrows Jun^r; Joseph
high ways Ellis; Eben^l Levi Bennet; Israel Smith; Isaac
Soule; Elijah Perry; John Lebaron Jun^r; Batchiler
Bennet; & Isaac Howland Surveyors of High Ways

10th by
L^t Peter Hour
m^r Daniel White
m^r John Siff
m^r Gideon Southwick Jun^r
m^r Nath^l Johnson
m^r Elijah Macomber } Sitting men

11th by
m^r Joseph Bates was Chosen Sealer of Leather

12th by
Job Thomas
Abner Barrows
Noah Cushman
Cap^t Henry Peirce } Town Viewers

13th
L^t William Johnson
Israel Wood
Elihu Thomas
L^t Andrew M^r Catty } Surveyors of Lumber

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14th

Daniel Luchat
Ephraim Cushman
Elijah Bolton
Job Richardson
Lebbe Ingham
Capt^m Joseph Clark } Hays Reapers

15th

Nath^l Richmond
Joseph Burnpas } Hays Reapers

16th

at said meeting voted to excuse Caleb Simmons from
serving as Constable

17th

voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tre^{sy} to L^t Jonah
Washburn eighteen Shilling in Tre^{sy} at 24/ p^r hundred
it being what he allowed Joseph Washburn for his
engaging in to the six month Expedition

18th

voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tre^{sy} to Cap^t Zadeck
Leonard his account in 1782 & 1783

Cap^t Zadeck

To four day carrying at 4/ p^r day - £ 0:16:0
To six day making a Continental box - 1:4:0
To eight sheets of paper - 1
To two day making a Clap Net - 0:0:0
To 4 sheets of paper - 4
To 3 day to make a Continental Tre^{sy} - 0:12:0
To 3 sheets of paper - 3
3:11:4

Leonard

3:1:4

voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tre^{sy}
to m^r Rufus Richmond his account in 1782

Richmond

To making boxes for two Claps 5 days at 4/ £ 0:12:0
To making a Continental box 4 days - 16:0
To making an agreement for the 6th Clap - 8:0
To making a Continental box & Tre^{sy} 4 days - 16:0
To six sheets of paper - 0:0:6
2:12:6

2:12:6

L^t Johnson

voted to Remit unto Lieut^l Johnson in his Tre^{sy}
the following Treas William Reed Net 0:3:4
Simon Leonard Tre^{sy} 1:5:7
John Owen } Thomas Blackman 1:0:0
5:16:4

4:5:16:4

1783

Middleborough

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Brought over

at said meeting Voted to allow and Pay out of the Town
Treasurer to Eliphaz Thomas his account for making
Kites in 1782 & for Lapping -

To said Eliphaz for Lapping at 4 - - - - - £ 5:01:0

To 7 day making a Continental Tax - - - - - 5:01:0

To 10 sheets of paper - - - - - 0:01:10

To 2 days making a Close Note - - - - - 0:01:0

To making a Continental Tax 6 days - - - - - 1:41:9

To 4 Nine sheets of paper - - - - -

at said meeting Voted to Remit unto 4:11:7

Joseph Leonard and the 6th Constable in his

the following Persons Taxes and for said

Leonard to raise the same out of the Town Treasurer

Thomas Blackman Tax - - - - - 5:16:6 Silver

Elphaz Thomas Note - - - - - 1:41:8

Amos Leonard Tax - - - - - 5:41:8

at said meeting Voted to Remit and also to

Cap Amos Wade the Value of Nine New Emigien

Collars the same to be paid up of the Town Tax

With can but by the State Tax

Voted to Remit to Daniel Thomas a Pool Tax

at to John Darling in his bill £ 1:01:0

at said meeting Voted to Remit to Joseph Cushman

Collector the following Taxes set to the following

Persons in his bill

at said meeting Voted to Remit to Nathan Gannon in old Emigien 20:13:0

at said meeting Voted to Remit to Nathan Gannon in old Emigien 33:7:0

at said meeting Voted to Remit to Benjamin Reed Collector

Thomas Blackman Tax in old Emigien 5:5:0

Voted to Remit unto John Gannon Collector

in Gannon's Tax in R. Gannon's bill - - - - - £ 5:17:1 in Silver

at said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Gannon Collector

in Gannon's Tax in R. Gannon's bill - - - - - £ 5:17:1 in Silver

at said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Gannon Collector

in Gannon's Tax in R. Gannon's bill - - - - - £ 5:17:1 in Silver

at said meeting Voted to Remit unto John Gannon Collector

in Gannon's Tax in R. Gannon's bill - - - - - £ 5:17:1 in Silver

1783

Middleborough

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at said meeting the Town made choice of an old fish
Committee to suppress the same and to see that the alewives
up said River in to the Pond to keep their spawn
said Committee to have all the fines for any breacher
of Law Relative thereto

Then the Town by Vote adjourned said meeting to
Monday the Seventh day of April at 10 o'clock in
the afternoon to be held at the Baptist Precinct
meeting house in said Town

Wm. Nathaniel Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Regularly Warned and held at the Baptist
Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the
Seventh day of April 1783 for the choice of a Governor
meeting held Monday 7th of April
Leut. Governor & Senators and the Town being met gave in
their Votes for the following Gentlemen (viz)

John Hancock Esq of Boston 11111111111
James Bowdoin Esq ditto 11111111111
Benjamin Lincoln Esq of Hingham 11111111111
George Watson Esq of Plymouth 11111111111

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Thomas Cushing Esq of Boston 11111111111

Colt John Nelson of Middleboro 11111111111

Cap Nathan Mitchell Bridgwater 11111111111

Noah Peirce Esq of M 11111111111

Charles Turner Esq of Scituate 11111111111

George Watson Esq of Plymouth 11111111111

Roger Haskell of Middleboro 11111111111

Hugh Orr Esq of Bridgwater 11111111111

Then the above meeting was dissolved

Wm. Nathaniel Wilder Town Clerk

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #77
TOWN RECORDS 1783-1785, 2:231-287 Holbrook

1783 Middleborough 1831
annual
march
meeting
by
adjourn
ment to
april 7th
1783
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleboro on Monday the 7th Day of April
1783 Continued by adjournment from the 10th Day of Last
March being met by adjournment the moderator
Took his Place & the Town Proceeded to the following
Business 1013

1st Voted to excuse Lt John Mordock from serving one
of the select men the next year
Selectmen
chosen by
at said meeting maid choice of Capt Eben or Bourn a select
man in R Mordocks Regt & Tarrant

3rd Voted to excuse Silas White from serving Constable
and maid choice of Lt Archibald Cole

4th Voted to make choice of Silvanus Thomas Constable
in the Room & Place of Caleb Simon one Excused

5th Voted to Remitt unto John Smith 4th Constable in 1782
William Keen Tax in R Smiths bill 16/8

Voted and maid choice of Jacob Thomas a Surveyor
of Highways in the Room of Eben Levi Bennett Excused
Then Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday the
Twenty Eight Day of April Instant to be held at the
above meeting house at one o'clock in the afternoon
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

april 28
1783
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 28th Day of April 1783
and Capt Josiah Corcoran & Lieut Jehu Wood Where
Chose to serve as the Grand Jury and Mr Zebadiah
Sprunt & Capt Joshua Eddy were appointed by drawing
out of the box as the Jury to serve on the Jury
of Trials at the Next Superior Court of Judicature
Court of assize and General Goal Delivery to be holden
at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on
the Third Tuesday of May Next

1783 Middleborough 1831
Town
meeting
Relative
to
the
ear
april 28
1783
At a Town meeting Held at the meeting house in the Easterly
Precinct in Middleboro on Monday the 28th Day of April
1783 Mr Isaac Tomlin was chosen Moderator
1st Voted to Chuse a Committee of Seven men to Consider
the Petition of Joshua White Esq. and Others Relative to
the Dam at Lays in the Pond in Middleboro to be
Who is the proper owner and that ought to be done for the
Common
Same & Report to the Town on the adjournment
2nd Voted that the Committee be Impowered to get any Cops
of Records Relative to the Dam on the Towns Cost
3rd at said meeting Voted to accept the Report of the
Committee Relative to Capt William Pratt Petition it
being found best to build a dam a new situated Falls
Then the Town Voted to adjourn the meeting to May meeting
at two o'clock in the afternoon
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

annual
march
by
adjourn
ment to
april
28th
1783
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleboro on Monday the 28th Day of April
1783 Continued by adjournment being met by the Moderator
Took his Place & Proceeded to the following Business
1st Voted Not to Tax Mr Esther Soule anymore
2nd at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Capt Joseph Clark
Constable a Tax set in his bill to Thomas Padwick & 15 Dues
the same out of the Town free the same L 14/8
3rd Voted to Remitt unto Mr David Weston Constable one Tax
in his bill set to the same as Padwick and another to John Thomas
Sum Total is 2:14:2

Turn Over

1783

Middleborough 1783

brought over

Cap^t Wood

+ 1787

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Cap^t Lemuel Wood Collector of Taxes a Pool Tax set to Eleazer Pratt on David Burnett's account 1787

Silas Finkham

+ 1787

at said meeting

Voted to Remitt unto Silas Finkham Collector Taxes set to John Weston Thomas Foster and Cap^t Jacob Pope Sum Total in old Emission £ 166:8:7

Constable

+ 1787

at said meeting

Voted to excuse John Eaton from serving Constable & chose Abner Pratt a Constable in P. Eaton's Room & Stead

Clark Const

+ 1787

at said meeting

Voted to except of Stephen Clark a Constable in the Room and Stead of John M^c Cully Jun^r by P^r M^c Cully being Surety for S^r Clark

Constable

+ 1787

at P^r meeting

Voted to excuse L^r Archiburns Cole from serving Constable and by Vote made choice of Cap^t Philip Leonard a Constable the Present

Richard Pierce

+ 1787

at said meeting

Voted to except of Richard Pierce a Constable in the Room and Stead of Job Pierce the 2^d by P^r Richard procureing Good Bondsmen

Job Pierce

+ 1787

at P^r meeting

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasury to Job Pierce 2 to the Value of £ 160:0:0 paper money in Sep^r 18:1780 which is in Silver £ 2:5:0

Then the Town

by Vote

adjoined P^r meeting

to may meeting

at one o'clock

in the after

Noon

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at said meeting Voted to except of Stephen Clark a Constable in the Room and Stead of John M^c Cully Jun^r by P^r M^c Cully being Surety for S^r Clark

at P^r meeting Voted to excuse L^r Archiburns Cole from serving Constable and by Vote made choice of Cap^t Philip Leonard a Constable the Present

at said meeting Voted to except of Richard Pierce a Constable in the Room and Stead of Job Pierce the 2^d by P^r Richard procureing Good Bondsmen

1783

Middleborough

Annual

March

Meeting

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Houlton

+ 1787

at said meeting

Voted to

Remitt unto

John Smith & Constable George Caswell Tax

1:2:10 & to draw the same out of the Town Treas^r

at said meeting

Voted to

excuse Cap^t Philip Leonard from

serving Constable

at P^r meeting

Voted to

excuse Abner Pratt from serving

Constable

Voted to

excuse Jeremiah Thomas from serving Constable

Voted to

excuse Matthias Ellis from serving Constable

Voted to

reconsider the above Vote Relative to Excusing Abner Pratt from serving as a Constable therefore S^r Pratt stands a Constable for the Present year

Voted to

reconsider a former Vote Relative to Excusing L^r Archiburns Cole from serving Constable & by Vote made choice of S^r Cole a Constable for the Present year

Voted to

Remitt unto Joseph Level 3:19:11 paper money in 1780 it being Edmund Murcham Tax

Voted to

Remitt unto L^r Inman Collector Henry Capwell Tax in his bill 1:15:0 as also a Tax set to David Lison 1:5:7 Total 7:3:0:7

Voted to

Remitt unto Joseph Leonard & Constables the Sum of £ 1:11:6 it being George Capwell Tax in P^r Leonard's billat P^r meeting by Vote made choice of Elisha Case Constable in the Room & Stead of Matthias Ellis Excusedas also by Vote made choice of Cap^t John Carver Constable in the Room & Stead of Jeremiah Thomas ExcusedThen by Vote P^r meeting was adjourned to the forth Day of June Next at one o'clock in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting house Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Eastern Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 19th Day of May 1783 Continued by adjournment & being meet the Town proceeded to the following business 1783

the moderator took his Place at P^r meeting Voted to Remitt unto Constable Houlton & Thomas Grapo Tax 16/8 and for S^r Houlton to draw the same out of the Town Treas^r

Voted to Remitt unto John Smith & Constable George Caswell Tax 1:2:10 & to draw the same out of the Town Treas^r

at said meeting Voted to excuse Cap^t Philip Leonard from serving Constable

at P^r meeting Voted to excuse Abner Pratt from serving Constable

Voted to excuse Jeremiah Thomas from serving Constable

Voted to excuse Matthias Ellis from serving Constable

Voted to reconsider the above Vote Relative to Excusing Abner Pratt from serving as a Constable therefore S^r Pratt stands a Constable for the Present year

Voted to reconsider a former Vote Relative to Excusing L^r Archiburns Cole from serving Constable & by Vote made choice of S^r Cole a Constable for the Present year

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Level 3:19:11 paper money in 1780 it being Edmund Murcham Tax

Voted to Remitt unto L^r Inman Collector Henry Capwell Tax in his bill 1:15:0 as also a Tax set to David Lison 1:5:7 Total 7:3:0:7

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Leonard & Constables the Sum of £ 1:11:6 it being George Capwell Tax in P^r Leonard's bill

at P^r meeting by Vote made choice of Elisha Case Constable in the Room & Stead of Matthias Ellis Excused

as also by Vote made choice of Cap^t John Carver Constable in the Room & Stead of Jeremiah Thomas Excused

Then by Vote P^r meeting was adjourned to the forth Day of June Next at one o'clock in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting house

Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Down kneeling
for the choir
of a representative
doe
May 19th 1783

Middleborough 0351

At a Town meeting Held at the Exterly Precinct
the meeting house in Middleborough on Monday 9th Day
of May 1783 for the Choice of a Representative
at S^d meeting the Town made Choice of m^{rs} Isaac Comins
to Represent S^d Town at the Hon^{ble} the Great and General
Court of this Common Wealth to be Convened & held
at the State house in Boston on the Last Wednesday
of May Instant So on during S^d Sessions or Sessions
for the year ensuing e -

26) Voted to Church
S. Representatives
and Choir of
Mr. Zebadiah Sprague
Purinton are to
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of two Hours for
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mail Report by
of the Town the

A General meeting
relative to the
Iron Car —
by adjournment.

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Adjourned to meet
to be held at the

To the Honorable Court of Sessions to be holden at
 Plymouth within & for the County of Plymouth on the third
 Thursday of March Next.

This Certificate that we the Subscribers inhabitants of the
 Town of Madaket, having petitioned the Honorable Court of
 Sessions praying that when next said Court appoints a Committee
 for the purpose of vacating a road in the Town of Madaket
 beginning on the easterly side of the road opposite the of said parts
 and going from the Dwelling House of Isaac Cushman and son
 thence turning easterly in various ways through land of W. J. Prid
 Miller until it comes to the road near the Dwelling house of the
 said Isaac Cushman and son we do hereby nominate &

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Middleborough 12361

At a Town Meeting Held at the meeting House in the Ex-
posed Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday the fourth
Day of June 1783 Continued by adjournments from the 10th
Day of March 1784 and being meet by adjournment, the
Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following busi-

at S. meeting Voted to excuse Capt. John Garver from Service and stable thru present year and by Vote maid Choir of Nov. 1894 in S. Garver's Room & Room -

Pay out of the Town Treasures
in of Twelve Shilling it being
to try by the County Standards
Town Ind to Joseph the Sum
first Day Inspecting at a Vice

to Monday the 23^d day of June
Noon to be held at the above
place. ^{at} Wilder Town Glen

terly Precinct meetinghouse
on fourth day of June 1783
being met by adjournment the
proceeds to the following business
n^r. Lobalox Leonard & Zacharia
men on the Iron Bar Bank
in the Committee in the above
of Elias Wood & Capt D^r Zaharlow

P. meeting to Monday the
23^d of June Instant at two o'clock in the afternoon to
be held at the above meeting house in Lisbon —
attest Nath^l N. Townsend Clerk

1783

Middleborough p351

Town meeting
for the choice
of a Representative
May 19th 1783

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday 19th Day of May 1783 for the choice of a Representative at S^r meeting the Town made choice of M^r Isaac Emerson to Represent S^r Town at the Hon^{ble} the Great and General Court of this Common Wealth to be Convened & held at the State house in Boston on the last Wednesday of May Instant so on during S^r Sessions or Sessions for the year ensuing.

2^d Voted to Choose

S^r Representative
and a choice of
M^r Zebadiah Sprague
Purinton are to
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of three hours for

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the Town the

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C^r 5485
P^r 2687
S^r 4877
S^r 523

Wearing Apparel
Best fur hat \$3.00 x
2 Do hats 1.75 x
1 Pair Boots 5.00 x
1 Great Coat 2.50 x
1 Sattin Coat 2.00 x
1 Close bodied Coat 1.50 x
1 Pair pantaloons .50 x
1 Pair of Commens Do 25 x
1 Pair of Sattin Do 8 x
1 Pair of Suppers 75 x
1 Pair of Sattin waistcoat 75 x
1 Striped silk & cotton Do 3.4 x
1 Striped silk Do 5.0 x
1 red & white cotton Do 50 x
1 white muslin waist 39 x
1 white muslin Do 12 x
1 Pair of flannel drawers 39 x
1 Pair of flannel drawers 39 x

1783

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At a Town meeting Held at the meeting House in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Wednesday the fourth Day of June 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 10th Day of March S^r and being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following business -

the moderator
ing absent
and choice
M^r Isaac
Emerson
Moderator of the
Day

at S^r meeting Voted to excuse Capt. John Garver from serving as Constable the present year and by Vote made choice of Thomas Sturtevant Constable in S^r Garver Room & S^r for the year ensuing.

Constable
excused
&
Chosen -

at S^r meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasures to John Soule his account the sum of Twelve Shilling it being for his carrying the Town Standards to try by the County Standards.

Cash.
12.00

Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treasures to Joseph the sum of Twelve Shilling it being for his day inspecting ale wices.

Cash.
12.00

Then Voted to adjourn S^r meeting to Monday the 23rd Day of June Instant at one o'clock in the after Noon to be held at the above mentioned meeting House.

at the North Wilder Town Clerk

Iron Ore
meeting
Committee

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Wednesday the fourth Day of June 1783 Continued by adjournment & being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & then Proceeded to the following business.

excused
by
more
Chosen

Voted to excuse M^r John Mitten M^r Zebulon Leonard & Zashabrook from serving as Committee men on the Iron Ore Bill.

2^d

Voted & made choice three more to join the Committee in the above Gentleman's room M^r Caleb Tarnison Silas Wood & Capt. Dr. Hartland.

Then the Town Voted to adjourn S^r meeting to Monday the 23rd of June Instant at one o'clock in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting House in S^r Town.

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Middleborough

Annual March meeting
At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 23rd Day of June 1783 Continued by adjournment from March 18th & being met the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to the following business 1783

Weston Voted to Remitt unto David Weston Constable in 1782
a Tax Set to Seth Dinkham £ 1:3:6

Barrow Voted to Remitt unto Abner Barrow Collector in 1782
John Thomas Dec. Tax in old Emision £ 33:7:0
as also Solomon Bryant Tax in old Em 33:7:0

Wheat Voted to Remitt unto Capt William Shaw James Little John
Tax 7:9:4 as also John Perkins Tax 1:4:8 and John
Weston Tax 1:7:0 Sum Total is £ 5 1:0

Cushman Voted to Remitt unto Lemus Cushman Collector
102:3:4 William Lory Tax in old Emision 102:3:4

Elms Voted to Excuse Israel Smith from Serving a Surveyor
of high ways and Chose William Elms

Constable Voted to Excuse Just: Thomas Sturtevant Silvanus
Lucius Thomas & and Lth Archipous Cole from Serving
Constable The Present year

Peterson Voted to Remitt unto Silvanus Peterson a Tax Set
to on Ichabod Gary £ 1:5:7

Coombs Voted to Remitt unto Eathan Coombs a Tax Set to
Ichabod Gary 1:4:0

Then the Town by Vote adjourned Proceeding to Monday
the 30th Day of June 1783 at 10 o'clock in the afternoon
to be held at the above meeting House in P. Town

Attest Nath^l W. Deer Town Clerk

1783

Middleborough

1783

Annual March meeting
The annual march meeting continued by adjournment
from the 18th Day of March 1783 to the 30th Day of June 1783
being met the moderator took his Place a
motion being made for the meeting to be continued on
adjournment until Monday the 7th Day of July Next at the
three o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct
meeting house in P. Town Voted in the affirmative
Attest Nath^l W. Deer Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 30th Day of June
1783 and at Pth meeting made Choice of Mr Isaac Tomson
moderator

Voted to Petition the General Court for Liberty of Choosing
a Representation for the Present year as Mr Isaac Tomson
who was Chose in May Last was Refused a seat by Reason
that he was not Chosen according to the Constitution

Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Draw a Petition
for the above purpose 1783

Lebedeus proth^l Rufus Richmond Cap^t Josiah Casen
Cap^t Jacob Tomson & Cap^t Sam^l Thacker

and that the Report to the Court immediately
The Petition being Presented the Town Excused of the same
and ordered it to be sent to Pth Court in the Name of the
Town signed by the moderator & Town Clerk

Voted to Chuse an agent to answer to a Citation sent to Pth
Town by the Court of the Inferior Court
on the Complaint of Dec^r Benjⁿ Thomas Relative
to the Surport of his Sister Suzanne Thomas

Voted and made Choice of Mr Eben^l Wood for an agent
in the above affair

Then the above meeting was adjourned to Monday the 7th
of July Next at three o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the
above meeting House

The Town on meeting Continued by adjournment from 28th
of April Last being met the moderator took his Place &
a motion was made to adjourn the meeting to the 7th of July
Voted in the affirmative

1783 Middleboro 1239
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 28th Day of
July 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 28 of
Last & being meet the moderator took his Place & Proceeded
to Business as followeth viz
Voted to Except the Report of a Committee Chosen Sum-
time back to Enquire into and See Whose property the Iron
ore is Whose Report is as followeth viz

Middleborough July ye 7th 1783
Dec the Towns Community Chosen to Look into the
Property of the Iron ore in Apawamset Pond have
Got the Copy of Records and they Cost 2/ that we paid
We having Considered the matter do Report that we
hold that the ore is the Property of the Town of Right
Without the Least Hesitation

Voted and made choice of Caleb Tomson
Benj^m Darling
Ebenezer Wood to Consult Sum-
attorney at Law Relative to
the matter in dispute about
the Iron ore
Ebenezer Wood

Then the Town by Vote Disolved & meeting
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Annual March meeting
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 7th Day of July
1783 Continued by adjournment from the 1st of March last
& being meet by adjournment the moderator took his Place
at 12 meeting Voted to Raise the Sum of two Hundred pounds
on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Middleboro for the Defraying of Town Charges
and that the above Sum be apayed with Sum of State or
Continental Tax and be one apayment for the Constable
or Collector

Voted that one apayment be a Town of Duty for each
Constable or Collector the Property of
this meeting stand adjourned to two o'clock on the afternoon
to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in S^t James
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleboro 1240
at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
in Middleboro on Monday the 7th Day of July 1783
Continued by adjournment from the 28 of June last
being one of the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the following
business viz
Voted a Committee of three men Enquire into and See if they
Can find any Estate that belongs to m^{rs} Susanna Thomas
or how she hath disposed of her Inttyt she had left her
& Report to the Town
Sam^l Sinton Ebenezer Wood & Cap Ezra Harlow the Committee
Then the Town by Vote adjourned & meeting to the first
Monday in Sep 1783 to be held at the above meeting house
at three o'clock in the afternoon
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house
in Middleborough on Monday the 21st Day of July 1783
Continued by adjournment from the 1st Day of March
last & being meet by adjournment the moderator took his
Place & Proceeded to the following business viz

At said meeting Voted and made choice of Caleb Wood
for a Constable the Present year in the Room & stead of
Thomas Excluded

Voted and made choice of Japhet Washburn a Constable
in the Room of m^r Thomas Shutevant Excluded

Voted and made choice of George Leonard Jr^d Constable in
the Room & stead of L^t Cole Excluded

At 12 meeting Voted and made choice of m^r Caleb Tomson
an agent in behalf of the Town to Prosecute those Constable
that Neglect or Refuse to take their oaths

Voted to Except of Ebenezer Coase as a Constable in the Room
and stead of m^r Brother Elisha Coase by Cap Jacob Tomson
& Elisha Coase being Sureties which were Excepted by the Town

Voted that the money that was Voted to be Raised at the
Last meeting be paid in to the Tre^{as} by the first of Nov^r
1783
this meeting stand adjourned
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough 1241

All a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 21st Day of August 1783 Continued by adjournment from March 2nd & being met by adjournment and the moderator being absent the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Tomlinson moderator of the Day and a motion being made to see if the Town would adjourn the meeting to Thursday the 21st of September August at two o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above meeting house & Voted in the affirmative

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Annual March meeting
Town
Settle with
Wildersham
all a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on ~~Monday~~ the 21st Day of August 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 21st Day of March 2nd being met by adjournment the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the following business

Voted that the Town Treasurer be directed to take the Wildersham and Concord Note at what the face is & settle with the Comptroller in regard as far as the Note will go and if there is any over & under to the said Note Then the Town Voted to adjourn the meeting to the first Monday in September next at three o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough 1242

Down at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Thursday the 21st Day of August 1783 being duly warned and Regular assembled the Town made choice of Mr Isaac Tomlinson moderator & then the Town by vote adjourned the meeting to Monday the first Day of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the first Day of Sept 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 21st of August past and being met by adjournment & the moderator being absent the Town by vote made choice of Mr John Wood moderator of the Day

by Their being a motion made & seconded to see if the Town would raise their Publick money collected which was the Principle article in the Warning for the meeting and the moderator declared it to be adjourned Then the Town adjourned the meeting to the 22nd Day of Sept instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

Sept 20th 1783

adjournment
The annual march meeting for 1783 as attested the Town meeting Continued by adjournment from the 20th of June past were adj to the above day and the Town being met according to adjournment & the moderators took their Place and there being no business of importance the Town adjourned the meeting to the 22nd Day of Sept instant at two & three o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in S. Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough

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at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1783
Continued by adjournment from 10^o o'clock of Aug 17th 83
and being met by adjournment the moderator took his
Place and proceeded to the following business viz

1st at a meeting Voted to Higher the Constable to collect the
Publick money the present year

2^d Voted that the Constable lower of July be set up by the
lowest bidder at Vendue by the person bidding it of Giving
good security to the Town

3^d Voted that the Select Men Notify the Vendue & Preside
as Vendue master of the same & take bonds in behalf of the Town
Then the Town Disposed of its Meeting

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Town Meeting

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
House in Middleborough on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1783
at a meeting maid choice of Mr Isaac Tomlinson moderator
& then proceeded to the following business viz

1st at a meeting Voted to Dispose the Sale of the alewives
fishery at present

2^d Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee to be sent
to the General Court and ordered it to be signed by
the Town Clerk

3^d a motion being made to send Mr Isaac Tomlinson an agent
to carry a Petition Voted in the affirmative

4th Voted and on the choice of Mr Isaac Tomlinson for the
above agent but on his Request the Town Excused
him

4th Chose Mr Isaac Tomlinson their agent
This meeting stands adjourned to the next Town
meeting in Middleborough at one o'clock next noon

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough

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at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house
in Middleborough on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1783
at a meeting John Smith Jun^r & Sam^l Riden were appointed
by drawing out of the Box as the Law Direct. to sit
on the Jury of Try all at the Next Court of General Session
of the Pleas to be holden at Plymouth for the County
of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of Oct^r Next
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

annual at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct in Middle-
borough on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1783
Continued by adjournment from the 10^o day of March
1783 being met by adjournment the moderator took his
Place & proceeded to business as followeth viz

1st at a meeting Voted to Remit unto Eben^l Nelson Collector
the sum of £ 138: 9: 2 of old emission and that he that
Nelson draw the same out of the Town Treasury

2^d at a meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treas-
ury the sum of £ 3: 10: 9 to Noah Clark for his service in
make hats & Cloping 17 days & finding paper

3^d this meeting stands adjourned to the next Town meeting

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting
house in Middleborough on Monday the 22^d day of Sept 1783
Continued by adjournment from the 20th of June 1783
Petition to the Citation from Court on one's Supersedeas
Thomas account and the Town being met by Secretary ad-
journment & the moderator took his Place and a motion
being made to Dispose of meeting & Voted in the affirmative
attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783 Middleborough

Annual at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 30th day of Sept 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 10th day of March Last past being met by adjournment sent the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to business

1st at said meeting Voted to Remit unto Do^r Joseph Clock fourteen Shilling of Thomas Hayford Tax in his bill and appear by R^d that S^r Hayford hath paid the same in Plimston
Then the Town by Vote adjourned S^r meeting to three Weeks from this Day at one o'clock in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting House in S^r Town Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Full Meet at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the thirtyeth of Sept 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 22nd of this Instant S^r & being meeting by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business

1st Voted to postpone the Sale of the Alewife Fishery at Present - Then the Town by Vote adjourned S^r meeting to the Next Town meeting held in this Place at three o'clock after Noon
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Tuesday the 30th day of Sept 1783 at S^r Meeting Made Choice of Mr Isaac Johnson Moderator

and then Proceeded to Business as followeth
1st Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to draw a Vote to Lay before the Town Petition to the first article in the Warrant

S^r Jehubad Wood
Mr Lebede Sprout
Co^r Ezra Harlow
(the Committee)

Turn Over

1783 Middleborough

2^{ly} at said Meeting Voted that the Sout Recordeg of Exuse ing Bole & Est the from Taxation be Referred to the Town for the future

3^{ly} Voted that the above meeting be adjourned for the space of fifteen Minutes - being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and Proceeded to business as followeth (viz)

1st Voted to Except of the Vote Drawn by the above Committee which is as followeth (viz)

To the Hon^{ble} the Senate and House of Representatives for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Town of Middleborough at a Meeting Legally Warned and Held on Tuesday the Thirtieth day of Sept 1783 Then Voted as followeth (viz)
That said Town were determined Never to pay the Continental Officers for one Month Time after they were dismissed from the Publick Service Unless by force and Constraint as it appears to them Manifestly Unjust and Wrong for the people to pay for Services that have not been done nor shall be done

P^r Vorden of the Town Isaac Johnson Moderator
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Then the Town by Vote adjourned said Meeting to Tuesday the Twentth first Day of October Next at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in S^r Town

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783

annual
meeting held
at 10 o'clock
1783Jly
a Committee
to settle with
the Town

Jly

Atwood

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Clark

13/8

Incapable

to

Call on the

Benefactor

Collector

The Fall

Meeting by

Adjournment

at 10 o'clock
21st 1783

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Middleborough

1247

At a Town Meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 21st Day of Octob^r 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 10th Day of March Past & being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

at said meeting Voted and made Choice of m^r Isaac Tomson Cap^t William Shaw & m^r William Bennett a Committee to settle account with the Town Treasurer

at a meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treas^{ry} to m^r John Wood £1:14:0 in Silver - it being for 95 lb of beef after the same Rule that the last Requisition was made upon that is at 36 p^{er} hundred

at a meeting Voted to Remit to Doctor Joseph Clark Constable in 1782 the sum of 13/8 it being Part of Thomas Mayfords due in d^{ebts} Clarke bills

Voted and directed the Town Treas^{ry} to Write to the several Constables and Collectors that are behind in paying into the Treas^{ry} the sum of money Committed to them to Collect that in Case they dont Come & settle the same that he be directed to apply his Execution Speedily

Then the Town by Vote adjourned a meeting to Monday the 3rd Day of November Next at one o'clock P^m to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in P^{re} Town

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting Held by adjournment at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 21st Day of Octob^r 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 22nd of Septemb^r Last & being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to the follow^{ing} Business viz

Voted to sell the Privilege of the Allowance of fishing at the Slitting Mill on Newashet River with the same Restrictions & Privileges to the Purchaser as was agreed on Last year

Voted and adjourned to Monday the 3rd Day of Nov^{er} 1783 to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in P^{re} Town

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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Middleborough

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At a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 21st of Octob^r 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 20th of Septemb^r Last & being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

Voted to act on the Petition of the fishermen Relation to their Loss in bying the fish the last year

Then the above meeting was adjourned to Monday the 3rd Day of November Next at Half Past Two o'clock P^m to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in P^{re} Town

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town meeting Held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 3rd Day of Nov^{er} 1783 Continued by adjournment from the 22nd Day of Sept^{er} Last & being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

at said meeting Voted & made Choice of m^r Wilson Ripley Vender master for the sale of the Allowance fish

Voted that What Liquor was Necessary for P^{re} Vender should be on the Towns Cost

Then the Town by Vote adjourned a meeting to the meeting house of Coloⁿ Ebene^r Sprout to be held immediately

The Town being met by adjournment agreeable to the above Vote the Moderator & Vender Master took their Places & Proceeded to the sale of the Allowance fish at the Slitting mill with the same Restrictions and Privileges as was Injoind on & gave to the Purchaser in the last year

and m^r Elias Wood appeared and Bid for the above Privilege the sum of Eighty Seven pound Lawfull Money which was the most that any body appeared to Bid so that P^{re} Privilege was Dealed to be P^{re} Wood & Col^l William Supper & Cap^t Ladosh Leonard appeared as Surety for P^{re} Wood to the Satisfaction of the Town Then the meeting was adjourned

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

1783
Annual
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1783

At a Town meeting held at the Capt. by Precinct
meeting House in Middleboro' on Monday the
Third Day of Nov: 1783 Continued by adjourn
ment from the 1st day of March 1784 being on
the 1st day of March 1784 and there being
no business of importance the Town adjourned
meeting on Monday the twenty fourth
Day of August 1783 at one o'clock in the afternoon
to be held at the above meeting House
attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

The Town meeting Continued by adjournment
from the 30th of Sept 1783 & being ordered by adjourn
ment the moderator took his Place & there being
no business of importance the Town by vote adjourned
meeting on Monday the twenty fourth Day of August
1783 at two o'clock Past Noon to be held at the Capt. by
Precinct meeting house in P. Town
attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

Annual
March M
eeting held by
adjournment
from 1st of
Nov: 1783
Constable
Elected
James
Chosen

At a Town meeting held at the Meeting house in the Capt. by
Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 24 Day of Nov:
1783 Continued by adjournment from the 1st day of March
1784 and being ordered by adjournment the moderator took
his Place & proceeded to business as follows viz
at a meeting voted to Elect Caleb Wood L. E. March
Leonard George L. March 1784 Japhet Washburn and
Abner Pratt from serving Constable the Present
year & by vote made choice of Mr. Lashovich Paddock
Silson Ripley Eben: Hood Nathan Alden & Abiel Wash
burn Constables for the Present year

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Lucas
34

Voted to Remit unto Benjamin Lucas Collector in 1780
James Boyant Tax in 1780 in 1781 14:2
Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tax to Capt
William Shaw his account for Clapnet & Clapnet
& making Rates for two years 11 Days at 4 2:4 20
to 18 Shells of Paper at 1/2 0:1:6
to 18 Shells of Paper at 1/2 4:9:6

Shaw
4:9:6

Voted to Remit unto John Samson Ezra
Thomas Note 15:7:12 to be
Then the Town adjourned meeting to the
Next Town meeting to be held at this Place
at two o'clock after Noon
Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

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Samson
15:7:12

Then the Town adjourned meeting to the
Next Town meeting to be held at this Place
at two o'clock after Noon
Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

1783

Middleborough

At a Town meeting held at the Capt. by Precinct meeting house
in Middleborough on Monday the 24 Day of Nov: 1783
at a meeting L. Elian Miller on 1st Nov: 1783
appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs
to serve on the Jury of the Court at the Next Court of
General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in
and for the County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday of
Second Nov: 1783

The Town Meeting Continued by adjournment from
1783 of Sept 1783 adjourned to the Next Town meeting
held at the Capt. by Precinct meeting house in P. Town
at three o'clock Past Noon
attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Capt. by Precinct Meeting
house in Middleborough on Tuesday the sixteenth Day of
Second 1783 at a meeting choice Capt. W. Shaw Moderator
at a meeting put to vote whether the Town approved of the
Select Men giving orders on their Treasuries to David Parker
for his Debt in one Joseph Comroy: Voted in the Negative
Then the Town by vote adjourned meeting to the
First Tuesday of January 1784 one o'clock Past Noon
attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

The annual March Meeting being held at the Capt. by
Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday 1783
Day of Nov: 1783 Continued by adjournment from
March past being met the moderator took his Place
and proceeded to business as follows viz
Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tax to Joseph Bump
the sum of Six Shillings it being for his fetching sum
Clothing from Boston that would not pay
Then the Town by vote adjourned meeting to the first
Tuesday in January 1784 at two o'clock after Noon
attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

Bump
6:0

1784 Middleborough 1783

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the Ninth Day of February 1784 Continued by adjournment from the Sixth Day of Jan^y 1784 being met by adjournment the Moderator Took his Place and Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

1st Unanimously Voted that it is not Right for any man or body of Men to be paid any Sum of Money after he or they are Dismissed from Publick Service excepting such Person as are Disabled in Service

2nd Voted to Chuse a Committee of Consult with the Neighbouring Towns Relative to our Publick Freedoms

3rd Voted that the above Committee Consist of Twelve Men
 Capt Ezra Harlow L^{ieut} Ichabod Wood Jos^{ph} Clark m^r
 Eben^{er} Wood m^r Batchelder Bennet Deaⁿ Benj^m & Thomas
 m^r Isaac Tomson Cap^t William Shaw Nath^l Wilder
 m^r Joseph Leonard & Deaⁿ James Shaw m^r Nehemiah
 Bennet

4th Voted to Chuse a Committee of three Men to Discourse those Persons Lying in the Town of Middleborough Suspected to be Benchwarmers and Report to the Town
 Eben^{er} Wood Jos^{ph} Clark & Cap^t Ezra Harlow are the above Committee

5th Voted that if it be agreeable to other Towns this Town are Desirous of a County Convention
 Then the Town by Vote adjourned & meeting one fortnight from the above date attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
 one o'clock after Noon

Then met at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday 17th day of Feb^r 1784 Continued by adjournment from the 16th of Jan^y 1784 Last being met by adjournment the moderator Took his place and Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

1st Voted to Chuse an agent to take in to Possession the Estate of m^r Francis Pomroy Dec^d

2nd Voted and made Choice of Cap^t William Shaw for the above agent

adj^d to two o'clock
 attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
 one o'clock after Noon
 to the 23rd of Instant Feb^r

1784 Middleborough 1784

annual at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday 9th day of Feb^r 1784
 March Continued by adjournment from March 1783
 Meeting being met by adjournment the Moderator Took his
 for 1783 Place and Proceeded to Business as followeth viz

1st Voted to Remitt unto m^r Eben^{er} Nelson Constable the Sum of 2^s in Law & 25^c 10^c 10 in ad Emission set to W^m Motte
 Nelson
 2nd Voted to Remitt unto Cap^t David Thomas the Sum of one pound Eight pence in Law set to Eben^{er} Cobb Jun^r
 Thomas
 Then the Town by Vote adj^d & Resolving one fortnight to three o'clock after noon

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Delegates At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 23rd day of Feb^r 1784
 Chosen Continued by adjournment from the 21st day of Jan^y 1784
 for being met by adjournment the moderator Took his Place and Proceeded
 a County as followeth viz
 Voted that it is the mind of the Town to Chuse Delegates to meet in a County Convention to the Number of three to join with the Neighbouring Towns Seeking them with Power to State our Publick Freedoms and to lay them before the Legislative Body in this Common wealth as they in their wisdom shall think Proper

1st Voted and made Choice of a Deaⁿ Jos^{ph} Clark m^r Eben^{er} Wood and Cap^t Ezra Harlow for the above Delegates

2nd Voted that the above Delegates Report to the Town the Proceedings of Convention

3rd Voted that the Time for the above Convention be set be appointed the Third Tuesday of April Next and to be held at the Widow Lawrences in Plimpton at Nine o'clock in the forenoon and that the Town Clerk certify the several Town of Time & Place
 Then the Town by Vote adjourned & meeting to may meeting day at Ten o'clock in the forenoon

attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

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1784 Middleborough 1783  
 Continued at a Town Meeting held at the Easternmost meeting house  
 in Middleborough on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb. 1784 -  
 the 16<sup>th</sup> continued by adjournment from the 16<sup>th</sup> of Febr. said being  
 of Febr. 1783 the moderator took his Place & Proceeded  
 to Business as followeth viz  
 1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Directed the Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Town of Middleboro<sup>gh</sup>  
 not to answer any orders given by the select men of  
 Middleborough to Jos<sup>ph</sup> Parker of Norton on account of  
 Jos<sup>ph</sup> Sumner's Fee  
 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Enroll the Report of the Committee that was Chosen  
 to take Counsel Relative to the Iron Car  
 which is as followeth viz  
 The Report of the Committee of Feb. 23 1784 the Subscriber being Chosen  
 by S<sup>r</sup> Town to take Counsel Relative to the Iron Car taking  
 possession of their Iron Car Lying in the Pond in said  
 Town and have attended said Services and have Consulted  
 Jos<sup>ph</sup> Hitchman of Boston and his Counsel to the Town  
 is to Lease out the Car by agents and they Set People  
 to tying the said Car under the said Town  
 Ebenezer Wood Committee  
 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and made Choice of Mr Ebenezer Wood & William  
 Agents Tomson Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow as agents to Lease out or  
 Chosen Set People to tying of the above mentioned Car  
 to Lease under the Town  
 out or  
 Set People Then the Town by Vote adjourned said meeting to  
 to tying Monday the first day of March 1784 at four o'clock  
 the Iron in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting  
 Car House in S<sup>r</sup> Town - attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk  
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 The Annual March Meeting for 1783 Continued  
 by adjournments to the day after being Called  
 Was Disposed - - - - -

1784 Middleborough 1784  
 Annual March Meeting At a Town Meeting Held by the Inhabitants of the  
 of Middleborough on Monday the first day of March  
 1784 being duly Warned and Regular assembled  
 to the Choice of Town officers and the following  
 Were Chosen into the Rappresentation affixed here after  
 Named viz  
 1<sup>ly</sup> Mr Isaac Tomson Was Chosen Moderator  
 2<sup>ly</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk  
 3<sup>ly</sup> Mr Thomas Nelson  
 Mr Isaac Tomson } Select Men.  
 Mr Rufus Richmond  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Bonner  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow  
 4<sup>ly</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder } Town Treasurer  
 Mr Roger Haskell }  
 5<sup>ly</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Eddy } Overseers of the Poor  
 Mr Peter Wood  
 Mr Elijah Reed  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith  
 Mr Joseph Lovel }  
 Mr Jacob Thomas }  
 6<sup>ly</sup> Mr Ezzider Howland } Wardens  
 Mr Jonathan Washburn  
 Mr Joseph Shaw  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Wood  
 Town Over - - - - -



1724 Middleborough 1728  
 at a Town meeting held at the Eastern Present meeting house  
 in Middleborough on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb: 1728  
 continued by adjournment from the 16<sup>th</sup> of Febr: being  
 met by adj: the moderator took his Place & proceeded  
 to Business as followeth 1728  
 1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Directed the Treas: of the Town of Middleboro:  
 Not to answer any orders Given by the select men of  
 Middleborough to Jos: Parker of Norton on account of  
 Jos: Parkers Treas: &c  
 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Excuse the Report of a Committee that was Chosen  
 to take Counsel Relative to the Iron Car  
 Which is as followeth viz  
 The Report of the Committee being Chosen  
 by the Town to take Counsel Relative to the Iron Car  
 Lying in the Pond in said  
 Possession of their Iron Car Lying in the Pond in said  
 Town and have attended said Service and have Consulted  
 Capt: Hitchburn of Boston and his Counsel to the Town  
 is to Leave out the Car by agents and they Set People  
 to Digging the said Car under the said Town  
 Ebene: Wood? Committee  
 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and made Chise of m: Ebene: Wood & William  
 Jenson Cap: Ezra Harlow as agents to Leave out or  
 Chosen Set People to Digging of the above mentioned Car  
 to Leave under the Town  
 4<sup>th</sup> People from the Town by Vote adjourn'd said meeting to  
 be on Monday the first day of March 1728 at four o'clock  
 in the after Noon to be held at the above meeting  
 House in S: Town  
 attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

The Annual March Meeting for 1728 Continued  
 by adjournments to the day after being called  
 was dissolved

1724 Middleborough 1726  
 Annual March Meeting  
 At a Town meeting Held by the inhabitants of the Town  
 of Middleborough on Monday the first day of March  
 1726 being duly Warned and Regular assembled Proceed  
 to the Chise of Town officers and the following Pards  
 Were Chosen in to the Respective offices here after  
 Named viz  
 1<sup>ly</sup> M: Isaac Tomson Was Chosen Moderator  
 2<sup>ly</sup> Nath: Wilder Town Clerk  
 3<sup>ly</sup> m: Thomas Nelson  
 m: Isaac Tomson  
 m: Rufus Richmond  
 Cap: Abner Bonner  
 Cap: Ezra Harlow  
 4<sup>ly</sup> Nath: Wilder Town Treasurer  
 m: Roger Haskel  
 5<sup>ly</sup> Cap: Joshua Eddy  
 m: Peter Wood  
 m: Elijah Reed  
 Cap: Nath: Smith  
 6<sup>ly</sup> m: Joseph Lovel  
 m: Jacob Thomas  
 m: Ephider Howland  
 m: Jonathan Washburn  
 m: Joseph Shaw  
 Cap: Isaac Wood  
 Overseers of the Poor  
 Wardens  
 Town Over



1784  
brought over  
Annual Mar  
sch Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup>  
Surveyors  
of  
high ways  
for  
1784

Middleborough 1784

L<sup>t</sup> John Miller Samuel Riden L<sup>t</sup> William  
Tomson Lather Ridden John Finney Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Richard Cap<sup>t</sup> Ladoch Leonard Jabez Egreon  
Benjamin Leonard Lephemiah Briggs L<sup>t</sup>  
Peter Hoar Abraham Pierce Joseph Leonard L<sup>t</sup>  
Seth Eddy L<sup>t</sup> John Smith Peter Thomas L<sup>t</sup>  
Jehaboe Reed Eben<sup>r</sup> Briggs Jan<sup>s</sup> Silas Wood  
Jeremiah Thomas L<sup>t</sup> James Smith Isaac Cushman  
Japhet Lebanon L<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> David Vaughan  
Rufus Howland Surveyors of high Ways

8<sup>th</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Pierce  
Solomon Beels  
Barzilla Thomas Jun<sup>r</sup>  
John French Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Nelson  
L<sup>t</sup> John Soule

Sitting Men

9<sup>th</sup> Joseph Bates Sealer of Leather

10<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Thomas  
L<sup>t</sup> Jonah Washburn  
L<sup>t</sup> Peter Hoar  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Nind Jun<sup>r</sup>

Free Viewers

11<sup>th</sup>  
L<sup>t</sup> William Tomson  
m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Wood  
m<sup>r</sup> Mosey Thomas  
m<sup>r</sup> James Peckens Jun<sup>r</sup>

Surveyors of Lands

Turn Over

1784  
brought over

Middleborough 1784

12<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Juck  
David Caswell  
Solomon Botton  
Job Richmond  
Lebedee Latham  
Silas Wood

13<sup>th</sup>  
L<sup>t</sup> Robert Cushman  
Archibous Leonard

Hogg Reeves  
Horse Reeves

14<sup>th</sup>  
Voted that their beliberty for taking the fish called  
alewives at uppermost brook two days in each  
week Monday & Tuesday

15<sup>th</sup>  
Voted to Chuse Committee to inspect Narrasket River  
and so on down the Great River in Bristol County to see  
that there be no obstructions to the alewives as they come  
up L<sup>t</sup> Riden to Capt their spawn  
The Committee on the falling Person m<sup>r</sup> Silas Wood  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Ladoch Leonard calls William Supper Joseph Leonard  
Benj<sup>m</sup> Leonard Benj<sup>m</sup> Barling William Tomson Dean  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Briggs L<sup>t</sup> Solomon Warren L<sup>t</sup> Leonard to have all  
the fines for any breaches of Law  
Relating to taking fish by day or  
16<sup>th</sup>  
Voted Liberty for the swine to go at Large well yoked  
and Ridged according to Law

Then the Town by Vote adjourned & meeting to the  
first Monday in April Next at one O'clock in the  
after noon  
to be held at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Town  
West Nath<sup>l</sup> Willet Town Clerk

The Town meeting from the 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1783  
Continued by adjournment stand adjourned to  
the Next Town meeting at four O'clock after noon  
at the above meeting house in S<sup>t</sup> Town  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Willet Town Clerk



1784 Middleborough 1259  
 at a Town meeting held by the Inhabitants of Middleborough on Monday the first Day of March 1784 Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw and Dea<sup>n</sup> Ebenezer Briggs Were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for the Year ensuing and John Bishop Isaac Pinkham & Solomon Beck were appointed by Drawing out of the box as the Law Directs to serve on the Jury of Trials at the Next Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Ply on the second Tuesday of April Next

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

a Town Meeting held at the meeting house in the Eastern Precinct in Middleborough on the first Monday in April 1784 for the Election of a Governor & Senators and the following Gentlemen were Voted for as followeth viz  
 The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bowdoin Esq of Boston had 100 Votes  
 The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Hancock Esq of Pitts had 14  
 George Watson Esq of Plymouth 3  
 Ben<sup>t</sup> Lincoln Esq of Hingham 2  
 George Watson Esq of Plymouth Had 107 Votes  
 John Hens of Boston 1  
 Thomas Cushing Esq 3

Senators  
 Jedediah Sanger of Duxbury Had 59 Votes  
 Dea<sup>n</sup> John Olin of Scituate 57  
 Noah Peabody Esq of Wareham 58  
 Col<sup>l</sup> Dea<sup>n</sup> White Rochester  
 Hugh Orr Esq of Bridgewater  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Nathan Mitchell of Bridgewater  
 Nathan Cushing Esq of Scituate

Then the meeting was Dissolved  
 Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

1784 Middleborough 1260  
 Annual March Meeting held at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the fifth Day of April 1784 Continued by adj<sup>nt</sup> from the first Day of March 1784 by being on set by adj<sup>nt</sup> the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as followeth viz  
 1<sup>st</sup> Voted to Excuse Mr Job Richmond from serving as a Hogg Recor & Chose Joseph Hathaway to serve in the Richmond Room & set  
 Jonathan Dea<sup>n</sup> Voted to Excuse Mr Nath<sup>l</sup> Washburn from serving as a Hogg Recor & Chose Jonathan Washburn to serve in the Washburn Room  
 Voted that the Select Men Mr Peter Thomas & Sargeant bedford in to the selectmen to find by the select men  
 Voted to make Chose of Sargeant Washburn or of one of the above Sargeant  
 Voted to allow John Pinney Surveyor at high ways a reasonable Sum of money for timber standing to Repair the one half  
 John Pinney of Woodward Bridge  
 Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>d</sup> said meeting to Tuesday the 20 Day of April Instant at one o'clock in the afternoon at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in P<sup>l</sup> Town  
 Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

April 1784  
 at a Town meeting held at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1784  
 at said meeting Voted and made Choice of Mr Isaac Benson Moderator of the meeting  
 Voted and Accepted of the Report of their Committee Related to a Settlement made by S<sup>d</sup> Committee in behal<sup>f</sup> of P<sup>l</sup> Town with Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder their Treas<sup>r</sup> Voted ye 2<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1784  
 Voted that the select men be a Committee to assist the S<sup>d</sup> in raising the money to settle with the S<sup>d</sup> upon Who has sold the Town and Higher the same or raise P<sup>l</sup> money any other way in behal<sup>f</sup> of P<sup>l</sup> Town  
 Voted and Directed the Treasurer of P<sup>l</sup> Town to issue his Execution on Delinquent Constable & Collector as a<sup>d</sup> to sue for and call in their Sums of money due to P<sup>l</sup> Town for a<sup>d</sup> services or any other way as Speedily as he may think fit  
 Voted to Chuse a Committee of three men to Consult & advise with S<sup>d</sup> Who to call on First Mr Caleb Farnum or S<sup>d</sup> S<sup>r</sup> President Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacob Farnum of the Committee  
 Then the meeting was adj<sup>d</sup> to say meeting Day at four o'clock after noon  
 Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Execution ordered to be put out against Constable & others



1784 Middleborough 261  
 The Town meeting Continued by adj<sup>mt</sup> from the  
 sixteenth of March said being met by adj<sup>mt</sup> The  
 Moderator took his Place & then being met by adj<sup>mt</sup>  
 of 9 o'clock S. meeting was till adj<sup>mt</sup> to May  
 meeting Day at Ten o'clock in the forenoon  
 to the Easterly Precinct Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder &  
 meeting house in S. Town

Annual Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting  
 House in Middleborough on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 March 1784 Continued by adjournment from the  
 first Day of March said being met according to adj<sup>mt</sup>  
 the Moderator took his Place & proceeded to Business  
 as follows 1015

1<sup>st</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Leonard 4<sup>th</sup> Constable  
 the following Taxes in R. Leonard bills  
 Leonard Solomon Durham 1:10:10 Ephraim Durham 1:2:11  
 Jonathan Durham 1:2:11 James Reed Dec 1:4:1  
 Sum Total 4:18:9

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Natham Alden Constable in 1784  
 Edward Raymond Jun<sup>r</sup> Tax in S. Alden bills 1:9:0

3<sup>rd</sup> at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Elathan Coombs  
 Edward Raymond Jun<sup>r</sup> Tax 1:4:0  
 as also Nine New Emission Eight Dollars bill when S.  
 Coombs Being there

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Mr. Eben<sup>l</sup> Nelson Constable  
 Job Howland Tax set to Abigail Nelson 80:19:0

5<sup>th</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Mezer Robbins a Tax set in his bills  
 to James Raymond Jun<sup>r</sup> old Emission 12:13:0

at S. meeting chose Mr. Natham Alden a Committe  
 to Enquire into any Precious Tax set to Ezra Harri  
 Relation to any mistake and Report to the Town  
 Carried over

1784 Middleborough 12621  
 brought at S. meeting Voted and Remitted unto John Lebaron Asa  
 Barrows Tax in old Emission £35:7:0

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Rufus Weston Constable William  
 Pickens Tax in S. Weston bills £1:14:0

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted and Remitted unto Joseph Cushman Collector  
 a Tax in his bills set to William Joney Dec old Emission  
 the sum of £62:8:2 & Whiskin 0:14:0:3

4<sup>th</sup> Voted and chose a Committee to Examine in to the Copy  
 of Japhet Washburn Relation to his being taxed for his Bricks  
 & Report to the Town - Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow Zachariah Weston  
 and May<sup>r</sup> Sparrow the above Committee

5<sup>th</sup> at S. meeting Voted and Remitted unto Aaron Wood Collector  
 Isaac Boyant Tax 8/2 in Barabes Raymond 2/6  
 Sum Total 0:10:0

6<sup>th</sup> Voted to Remitt unto George Wright his Pole Tax in  
 Mr. Zachariah Paddock bills

7<sup>th</sup> Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Ellis Collector John Perkins  
 Tax 1:8:7 in S. Town

at S. Meeting the Town by Voted caused Mr. Roger Haskell  
 from serving as one of the Overseers of the Poor & Chide  
 S. William J. in S. Haskell Room & Head of the  
 the the meeting was adjourned to the sixth Day of May  
 at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon  
 to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in S. Town

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



1784

A Town Meeting  
for the Choice  
of a Representative  
for 1784

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in Middleboro' on Thursday the Sixth  
day of May 1784 being Legally Warned and Regularly  
assembled for the Choice of Representatives—  
at said meeting by Vote made Choice of M<sup>r</sup>  
Isaac Torason & M<sup>r</sup> Lebedee Sprout to  
Represent S<sup>t</sup>. Town of Middleborough at the Great  
and General Court to be held at the State House  
in Boston on the last Wednesday of Instant May  
for the State Service and so during said Session  
or Sessions for the year ensuing

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Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> William Konnet Sec<sup>y</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Thomas & John Miller Capt Isaac Wood  
m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Parinon to be a Committee to draw  
up Sum Instructions for their Representatives for  
the ensuing year and Lay them before the  
Town at the adj<sup>y</sup>

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>y</sup> S<sup>t</sup>. meeting  
to Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Instant May at two  
o'clock after Noon

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Grand Jury  
Chosen May 6<sup>th</sup>  
1784 for  
May Court

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
Meeting house in Middleboro' on Thursday the Sixth  
day of May 1784 at S<sup>t</sup>. meeting Place Chosen  
Clark & M<sup>r</sup> Eben Wood Were Chosen to serve  
on the Grand Jury and M<sup>r</sup> Eben Cobb &  
L<sup>t</sup> John Miller Were appointed by drawing out  
of the Box as the Lot Direct. to serve on  
the Jury of Trials at the Next Superior Court  
to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Plym<sup>th</sup>  
on the third Tuesday of May instant

1784

Annual  
March Meeting  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1784

Ellis  
+ 2-11-0

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting  
House in Middleborough on Thursday the Sixth day of  
May 1784 Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> from the first day of  
March last being meet by adj<sup>y</sup> the Moderator took his  
& Proceeded to Business as follows 1784

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Ellis Collector S<sup>am</sup>  
Raymond Tax in S<sup>t</sup>. Ellis Beth LE 11-0

### List of School Grants

\* James Soule 2<sup>d</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1  
\* Lechanick Eddy N<sup>o</sup> 2  
\* Thomas Sprout N<sup>o</sup> 3  
\* Col<sup>l</sup> Abel Washburn N<sup>o</sup> 4  
\* W<sup>m</sup> Thompson N<sup>o</sup> 5  
\* Jonathan Harlow N<sup>o</sup> 6  
\* Dr<sup>r</sup> Perez Thomas N<sup>o</sup> 7  
\* Elisha Thomas N<sup>o</sup> 8  
\* John Went N<sup>o</sup> 9  
\* John Benson N<sup>o</sup> 10  
\* Joseph S<sup>t</sup>. Barrow N<sup>o</sup> 11  
\* John Perkins N<sup>o</sup> 12  
\* Jonathan Cobb N<sup>o</sup> 13  
\* John Miller N<sup>o</sup> 14  
\* Lechab<sup>l</sup> Winton N<sup>o</sup> 15  
\* George Vaughan N<sup>o</sup> 16  
\* Jacob Bennett N<sup>o</sup> 17

Wilkes Wood 18<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 18  
John Warren N<sup>o</sup> 19  
Ezra Cole N<sup>o</sup> 20  
Paul Hathaway N<sup>o</sup> 21  
Samuel Miller N<sup>o</sup> 22  
William Drake N<sup>o</sup> 23  
\* Ephraim Pierce N<sup>o</sup> 24  
Abiel Nelson N<sup>o</sup> 25  
Hugh Montgomery N<sup>o</sup> 26  
\* Abner Clough N<sup>o</sup> 27  
\* Nathaniel Briggs N<sup>o</sup> 28  
\* Samuel Standish N<sup>o</sup> 29  
\* Wadsworth Hear N<sup>o</sup> 30  
Gershom Foster N<sup>o</sup> 31  
\* Asa Barnard N<sup>o</sup> 32  
\* Enos Eaton N<sup>o</sup> 33

the Twentieth day of May Instant at one o'clock  
after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in S<sup>t</sup>. Town

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



1784

A Town Meeting  
for the Choice  
of a Representative  
for 1784

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meeting house in Middleboro' on Thursday the Sixth  
day of May 1784 being Legally Warned and Regularly  
assembled for the Choice of Representatives —  
at said meeting by Vote made Choice of Mr.  
Isaac Tomason & Mr. Lebedee Sprout to  
Represent the Town of Middleborough at the Great  
and General Court to be held at the State House  
in Boston on the Last Wednesday of Instant May  
for the State Service and so during said Session  
or Sessions for the year ensuing

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Mr. William Bonnet Sec<sup>ry</sup> Ben<sup>y</sup>  
Thomas Mr. John Miller Capt. Isaac Wood  
Mr. Sam<sup>l</sup> Purinton to be a Committee to draw  
up Sum Instructions for their Representatives for  
the ensuing year and Lay them before the  
Town at the adj<sup>y</sup>  
Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>y</sup> to meet  
to Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Instant May at two  
o'clock after Noon

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town

Grand Jury  
Chosen May 6<sup>th</sup>  
1784 for  
20000 Court

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
Meeting house in Middleboro' on Thursday the Sixth  
day of May 1784 at P<sup>re</sup>ceding Court Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Clark & Mr. Eben<sup>l</sup> Wood Were Chosen to serve  
on the Grand Jury and Mr. Eben<sup>l</sup> Cobb &  
L<sup>th</sup> John Miller Were appointed by drawing out  
of the Box as the Last Direct. to serve on  
the Jury of Trials at the Next Superior Court  
to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Ply<sup>mouth</sup>  
on the Third Tuesday of May Instant

1784

Annual  
March Meeting  
by ad<sup>y</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1784

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting  
House in Middleborough on Thursday the Sixth day of  
May 1784 Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> from the first day of  
March Past being once by adj<sup>y</sup> the Moderator took his  
seated & proceeded to business as follows

Ellis<sup>th</sup>  
+ 2:11:0

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Ellis Collector Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Raymond Tax in S<sup>th</sup> Ellis Beth — £ 2:11:0

Carver<sup>th</sup>  
1:12:6

Voted and allowed Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Carver his account  
for Exp<sup>ts</sup> day making Rates for two Captains at 4 1:12:0  
In paper 1/6 1:12:6

Leonard<sup>th</sup>  
1:12:6

Voted to allow & pay out of the Town Tre<sup>sy</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Laddock Leonard his account for eight  
day making State and Town Rates at 4 1:12:6  
In paper 1/6

Nelson<sup>th</sup>  
1:10:0

Voted and allowed to Thom<sup>s</sup> Nelson his  
account for four day, for ambulating the Town  
Line between Northam<sup>pt</sup> Rochester & Freedom at 4 1:10:0  
and the Shilling in Capt<sup>l</sup> Paid the Surplus — 1:10:0  
for 1783

Richmond<sup>th</sup>  
1:12:0

Voted and allowed to Rufus Richmond his account  
for six day making Rates and two day for ambulating  
the Town Line in 1783 — 1:12:0

Bennet<sup>th</sup>  
0:12:0

Voted and allowed to Mr. Jacob Bennet for  
his Service in running the Line between Northam<sup>pt</sup>  
& Rochester at 4 1/2 day for three days — 0:12:0

Perrine<sup>th</sup>  
0:4:4

Voted to Remitt unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Perrine Cap<sup>t</sup>able  
a Tax in his bill sold to Lebedee Sprout — 0:4:4

Then the Town adj<sup>y</sup> to meet to Thursday  
the Twentieth day of May Instant at one o'clock  
after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in S<sup>th</sup> Town

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



1784

A Town Meeting  
for the choice  
of a Representative  
for 1784

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in Middleboro on Thursday the Sixth  
day of May 1784 being Legally Warned and Regular  
assembled for the choice of Representatives  
at said meeting by vote made choice of M<sup>r</sup>  
Isaac Tomson & M<sup>r</sup> Lebedee Sproutt to  
Represent said Town at Middleborough at the Great  
and General Court to be held at the State house  
in Boston on the last Wednesday of Instant May  
for the State Service and so during said Session  
or Sessions for the year

Vote and choice M<sup>r</sup> William  
Thomas & John Miller  
on said Session to be a  
sum instruction for  
the ensuing year and  
Town at the adj<sup>n</sup>  
Then the Town by vote  
to Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
October after Noon

attest N

Grand Jury  
chosen May 6<sup>th</sup>  
1784 for  
said Court

At a Town Meeting held  
Meeting house in Middleboro  
day of May 1784 at 9 o'clock  
Clark & A. Eben Wood W  
on the Grand Jury and  
L<sup>t</sup> John Miller were appo  
of the Bench as the Law  
the Jury of trials at the same  
to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Plym  
on the third Tuesday of May Instant

1784

Annual  
March Meeting  
by adj<sup>n</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1784

Ellis  
+ 211.0

Barber

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting  
house in Middleborough on Thursday the Sixth day of  
May 1784 Continued by adj<sup>n</sup> from the first day of  
March last being meet by adj<sup>n</sup> the Moderator took his  
oath & proceeded to business as follows

Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Ellis Collector Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Raymond Tax in S<sup>t</sup> Ellis Beth £ 2.11.0

Voted and allowed Cap Josiah Carver this amount  
for 1783

for 1783

1 Sub. Summ. Notes  
John Wood 22.84  
Abra<sup>m</sup> Thomas 22.84 of the Town Tre<sup>r</sup> to  
James Sproutt 22.84 is account for eight  
Mary Chace 7.28  
Abra<sup>m</sup> Thomas 4.97 Town Rates at 4/ £ 11.12.6  
Caleb Stanton 21.33  
Simeon Wood 14.75 on as Nelson his  
Brygh Seaman 23.36 Reambulating the Town  
Sile<sup>y</sup> Jany 3.54  
Dean Briggs 10.16 Paid the Surveys £ 11.13.0  
Total 167.76

Thos<sup>y</sup> Notes in Reambond this amount  
Dan<sup>l</sup> Wood 22.84 Rates and two day Reambulator  
Dan<sup>l</sup> Wood 22.84 £ 11.12.0

Dan<sup>l</sup> Wood 22.84  
Brygh Seaman 23.36 Jacob Bennett for  
Line between Warrham  
Eliab Wood 22.84 for three days £ 0.12.0

Jonas Wood 25.65  
Job Verrin Constable  
Company notes  
Brygh Seaman 23.36  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Wood 16.11  
Simeon Wood 12.00  
Said Cobb 10.00

Reconnecting to Thursday  
day Instant at one o'clock  
for more to be holden at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in S<sup>t</sup> Town

attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

A List of  
School Agents  
1872

M<sup>r</sup> Wm. Luskham & M<sup>r</sup> Mary Church  
both of Middleboro







1784

Perambulation  
on of the  
Town Lines  
between Middl-  
borough & Ware-  
ham Sep 3 1783

267

Sep 3 1783 Then we the Subscribers Select Men of the  
Town of Middleborough and Wareham met and  
Perambulated the Lines and Renewed the Bound  
Between the Town as follows  
Beginning at a Stake and heap of Stone in Bonfours  
Field and is a Bound of Middleborough Plimton  
& Wareham Which we Renewed and Thence Ran South  
Twelve Degrees and an Half Far to an old Dead Pine  
Tree Anciently marked M. P. R. Where we  
marked Several Trees passing said Dead Pine which  
is the South East Corner of Middleborough Thence West  
two Degrees and one Quarter South until it Come to the  
Road that Part the Town of Rochester and Wareham  
Where we Set a Stake and Erected a heap of Stone for  
the Corner of the Town of Wareham  
as Witness our hands

Thomas Nelson } Select Men  
Isaac Thompson }  
Jacob Bonnell }  
in behalf of } Middleborough  
Rufus Richardson }  
cc cc cc

Edw. Briggs } Select Men  
Israel Fearing }  
Benj. Fearing } Wareham  
cc cc cc

1784

Perambulation  
on of the  
Town Lines  
between  
Middleborough  
and Freetown  
Nov 26 1783

268

We the Subscribers Select Men of Middleborough and Freetown  
Having the Day of the Date of these Presents met to Perambulate  
the Line and Renew the Stations Between said Town and Proceeded  
as follows  
We began at the head of Stone in the Root of the Maple Tree formerly marked  
standing by the North Side of a point River being the North  
Corner bound of F. Freetown which we Renewed and from thence  
as by the Corners the first Day we Ranged South 72 Degrees  
East by a Range of Marked Trees about one mile and an  
half and Twenty four Pole to a White oak Tree marked on far  
Side with Stone about it which bound we Renewed and from  
thence Ranging South 30 Degrees west 16 Pole and a half to the  
Heap of Stone which is said to be at the Head of the four mile  
Line from Stage Cove which bound we Renewed from  
thence on the same Range by a Range of Marked Trees until  
it met with a heap of Stone on a Rock in a Run of water  
in the side of a Swamp at the North West Corner of a Field of  
upland which was formerly a bound Between Middleborough  
and Freetown which Part of Freetown is now annexed to  
to Freetown which bound we Renewed and from thence turning  
East two Degrees North by a Range of Marked Trees until we  
Come to a Rock with a heap of Stone on it which bound we  
Renewed and so on the same Line until we Come to a heap of Stone  
on a Rock on the East Side of the Bay that Leadeth from  
Rownsvell to a point which bound we Renewed and from  
thence by the same Range by a Range of marked Trees to a  
heap of Stone on a Rock by the old Side of the Long Pond  
which bound we Renewed and from thence by the same Range  
across Long Pond to a heap of Stone on a Rock by the East Side  
Side of S. Pond which bound we Renewed and from thence still  
on the same Range to an old Pine stump with Stone about  
it which bound we Renewed and from thence still on the same  
Range to a Stake with Stone about it which Stake and Stone  
was an ancient Bound for a Corner Between Rochester  
and Freetown Now Freetown standing in Middleborough  
Line which bound we Renewed in Witness Whereof we have  
Hereunto Set our hands this 26 Day of Nov. AD 1783.

Thomas Nelson } Select Men  
Isaac Thompson }  
Rufus Richardson } Middleborough  
Jall. Hathaway } Select Men  
Edward Chace }  
Gillbert Hathaway } Freetown



1784

Perambulation  
on of the  
Town Lines  
between Midd  
borough & Ware  
ham Sep 8 1783

267

Sep 8 1783 Then we the Subscribers Select Men of the  
Town of Middleborough and Wareham met and  
Perambulated the Lines and Renewed the Bound  
Between the Town as follows

Beginning at a Stake and heap of Stone in Bonfons  
field and is a Bound of Middleborough Plimton  
& Wareham Which we Renewed and Thence Run South  
Twelve Degrees and an Half East to an old Dead Pine  
Tree formerly marked M. P. R. Where we  
marked Several Trees facing said Dead Pine which  
is the South East Corner of Middleboro. Thence West  
two Degrees and one Quarter South until it Come to the  
Road that Part the Town of Rochester and Wareham  
Where we set a Stake and Created a heap of Stone for  
the Corner of the Town of Wareham  
as Witness our hands

Thomas Nelson } Select Men  
Isaac Thompson }  
Jacob Bonnet }  
in behalf of } Middleborough  
Rufus Richardson }  
c c c c

Edw. Briggs } Select Men  
Israel Fearing }  
Benj<sup>m</sup> Fearing } Wareham  
c c c c

1784

Perambulation  
on of the  
Town Lines  
between  
Middleboro  
and Freetown  
Nov 26 1783

268

We the Subscribers Select Men of Middleborough and Freetown  
Having the Day of the Date of these Presents met to Perambulate  
the Line and Renew the Station Between said Towns and Proceeded  
as follows  
We began in the Root of the Maple Tree formerly marked  
standing by the North Side of a point River being the North  
Corner bound of F. Freetown which we Renewed and from thence  
as by the Compass the bearing was Ranged South 87 Degrees  
East by a Range of Marked Trees about one mile and an  
half and Thence four Pole to a White Oak Tree marked on the  
Side with Stone about it which bound we Renewed and from  
thence Ranging South 30 Degrees West 16 Pole and a half to the  
Heap of Stone which is said to be at the Head of the four mile  
Line from Stage Brick which bound we Renewed from  
thence on the same Range by a Range of Marked Trees until  
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in the side of a Swamp at the Northwest Corner of a Field of  
upland which was formerly a bound Between Middleborough  
and Freetown which Part of Freetown is now annexed to  
to Freetown which bound we Renewed and from thence turning  
East two Degrees North by a Range of Marked Trees until we  
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Renewed and so on the same Line until we Come to a heap of Stone  
on a Rock on the East Side of the Bay that Leadeth from  
Provincetown to a point which bound we Renewed and from  
thence by the same Range by a Range of marked Trees to a  
heap of Stone on a Rock by the West Side of the Long Pond  
which bound we Renewed and from thence by the same Range  
across Long Pond to a heap of Stone on a Rock by the East Side  
Side of S. Pond which bound we Renewed and from thence still  
on the same Range to an old Pine stump with Stone about  
it which bound we Renewed and from thence still on the same  
Range to a Stake with Stone about it which Stake and Stone  
was an ancient Bound for a Corner Between Rochester  
and Freetown Now Freetown standing in Middleborough  
Line which bound we Renewed in Witness Whereof we have  
Hereunto set our hands this 26 Day of Nov. A.D. 1783.

Thomas Nelson } Select Men  
Isaac Tomson }  
Rufus Richardson } Middleborough  
c c c c  
Jall Hathaway } Select Men  
Edward Chace }  
Gillbert Hathaway } Freetown



1784

Annual  
March Meeting  
1784 by adj.  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 1784  
John

Middleborough 1269

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of June 1784 Continued by adjournment from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March Past being met by adjournment and the Moderator being absent the Town Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Shaw Moderator of the Day and then Proceeded to Buysing as follows

at said meeting Voted to a list and pay out of the Town Treasurer to Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder the sum of Six pound & 10<sup>0</sup> year for his Service in Serving the Town of Middleborough as Town Treasurer for 1783-1784 & 1785 Sum Total - £18<sup>0</sup> 0 0

£10<sup>0</sup> 0 0

Wilder

17<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1784

Hayford

X<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1784

Ellis

4<sup>th</sup> 1784

Thomas

11<sup>th</sup> 1784

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto John Hayford Elisha Crossman

June in 1<sup>st</sup> Hayford's bill in P<sup>re</sup> 1784 - 4/6 -as atty<sup>r</sup> L<sup>td</sup> Hayford's bill in P<sup>re</sup> 1784 - 1/6 -

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Joseph Ellis

Francis Bunt Fox in P<sup>re</sup> Ellis bill - £3:7:6at P<sup>re</sup> Meeting Voted to allow unto Cap<sup>t</sup> David Thomas

and the same to be paid out of the Town &amp; the sum

of Twelve Shilling in consequence of a Pet<sup>r</sup> of the Town

in the year 1780 in paper money 0:12:0

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Abner Bassett

Collector Thomas Padech Kde in his bill £40:15:4 ad Exp<sup>se</sup>

Voted to Excuse Libe Eaton and James Raymond

from Serving Constable the Present year

Likewise Jedidiah Miller &amp; Caleb Simmons

made Choice of Silas Paine &amp; Silvanus Thomas

Constable for the Present year

Voted to Excuse Mr Peter Vaughan from Paying

a Poll Tax the Present year

at P<sup>re</sup> Meeting Voted to Remitt unto Elisha

Benson one Third Part of his Tax in this Real Bill

in Obert Wood's Bill &amp; John Liberson &amp; Stephen Washburn

Constable &amp; Collectors

at P<sup>re</sup> Meeting Voted and made Choice of Joshua White Esq& M<sup>r</sup> George Leonard a Committee to Enact M<sup>r</sup> David Matur

Pde bills com to be if there be any mistake in them

1784

Annual

March Meeting brought over April

at said Meeting Voted to allow Nath<sup>l</sup> Clark the amount for

conducting Kde in 1783 £5:6:6

Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> David Vaughan postage on his account for

Soldiers in 1783

at said Meeting Voted to allow John Montgomery for 2<sup>nd</sup> light

New Empire Station one in the Room of one &amp; down Eight

from the Town by Vote adj<sup>d</sup> P<sup>re</sup> Meeting Sir the same from the

day at said oblied after noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct

Meeting House in S<sup>t</sup> Townattest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerkat said Meeting Voted to allow Nath<sup>l</sup> Clark the amount for

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1784 at a Town meeting Held at the Sashery Street meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1784  
The Committee of said meeting the Town accepted the following Report of their Committee Chosen to settle with their Town Treasurer  
The Town the Subscribers Being a Committee Chosen by the Town of Middleborough  
to examine the Treasurers accounts and to settle the same with him  
April and to find the State of the Towns Affairs Met at the House  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> for said Town on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April  
1784 and upon examination we find that the Treas<sup>r</sup> has Rec<sup>d</sup>  
of the Town Money the Value of including his bills on his  
Company £ 777: 16: 5

1<sup>st</sup>ly we find that the Treas<sup>r</sup> hath Paid out of the Town Tolls to the  
amount of including what he Paid the Soldiers he Raised in his Com-  
pany when he was Collector for the Soldiers Tax £ 776: 5: 2  
2<sup>nd</sup>ly we find Due from the Treasurer to the Town that must be £ 11: 5: 0  
3<sup>rd</sup>ly we find the following Sum due to said Town from  
the several Payable & Collectors in hard Money and other Persons  
as followeth viz

|                                      |          |                                                                  |         |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Due from John Jackson                | 0 11 3   | from John Norcott for fines for catching<br>fish contrary to Law | 2 14 0  |
| from Hesechiah Parinton              | 0 14 8   | + Eben <sup>r</sup> Ellis                                        | 1 0 0   |
| His Estate                           | 0 14 8   | + Rufus Alden                                                    | 1 0 0   |
| + from Joseph Cushman                | 1 16 0   | + Elisha Sinkham                                                 | 1 0 0   |
| + John Lebaron                       | 36 10 2  | + Joseph Richmond                                                | 1 0 0   |
| + Job Richmond                       | 23 4 1   | + Ephraim Norcott                                                | 1 0 0   |
| + Akner Barrows                      | 21 2 0   | + Thomas Cobb                                                    | 2 0 0   |
| + Aaron Tacher                       | 0 10 7   | + Bony <sup>n</sup> Washburn                                     | 3 0 0   |
| + Wasef Robins                       | 1 16 5   | + Joseph Pratt                                                   | 1 0 0   |
| + Seth Moston                        | 1 3 9    | + Elijah Hackett                                                 | 1 0 0   |
| + Abner Nelson                       | 5 3 0    | + Jos <sup>ph</sup> John Samson                                  | 14 0 4  |
| + Jonathan Fuller                    | 3 10 4   | + Hesechiah Parinton                                             | 41 9 9  |
| + Ben <sup>t</sup> Smith             | 2 3 4    | + Benoni Lucas                                                   | 6 10 0  |
| + Lewis Cushman                      | 1 9 1    | + Jonathan Washburn                                              | 25 5 8  |
| + Samuel Cushman                     | 0 10 1   | + Titson Ripley                                                  | 21 13 9 |
| + Eben <sup>r</sup> Nelson           | 11 9 0   | + Zachariah Paddock                                              | 24 5 4  |
| + Elathan Coombs                     | 136 7 6  | + Eben <sup>r</sup> Wood                                         | 9 14 0  |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> David Thomas        | 10 15 11 |                                                                  |         |
| + Robert Cushman & Comp <sup>y</sup> | 33 12 9  |                                                                  |         |
| any for fish in 1782                 |          |                                                                  |         |

# Settlement brought Over

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Due from Nathan Alden                     | £ 12 19 5 |
| from Eben <sup>r</sup> Cox                | 17 12 10  |
| Abiah Washburn                            | 30 13 11  |
| Daniel Thomas                             | 32 4 11   |
| Cap <sup>t</sup> William Shaw             | 32 14 7   |
| John Montgomery Jun <sup>r</sup>          | 33 8 10   |
| Edw <sup>d</sup> Joseph Clark             | 21 12 1   |
| Stephen Hathaway                          | 47 7 0    |
| Joseph Leonard                            | 69 3 2    |
| Amos Wood                                 | 75 0 4    |
| Eben <sup>r</sup> Briggs for fish in 1782 | 42 7 6    |

from Daniel Thomas by a bill from the  
+ State Tre<sup>s</sup> for what was allowed to the Treas<sup>r</sup>  
by Reason of being Paid too High in the  
on Jan - 42 5 4

from Silas Wood and Company the Deputy Jan 27 0 0

1<sup>st</sup>ly we find Due from the Town that Nath<sup>l</sup> Alden  
Bore to our knowledge to the amount of  
£ 400 12 2

2<sup>nd</sup>ly we find now Laid in the Town Tre<sup>s</sup> office  
£ 262 17 10 of 2<sup>d</sup> English Paper Money  
that the Treasurer hath been Credited for

William Shaw } Committee  
Jesse Tomson }

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk





1784

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At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1784 at said meeting made choice of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Harmon and M<sup>r</sup> Seth Finkham by Treasurers them out of the Box to serve on the jury of Tows at the Next Court of General Session of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday of October Next

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Annual  
March Meeting by  
adjournment  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1784

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1784 Continued by adjournment from March Sept being met by adjournment the Moderator took his Place and proceeded to business as followeth 1784

At said Meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine men to Consult and Report to the Town at the adj<sup>mt</sup> of this meeting those Persons that ought to be Excused from Paying a Poll Tax or any Part thereof made choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw L<sup>t</sup> William Tomson Dea<sup>n</sup> Benj<sup>m</sup> Thomas M<sup>r</sup> William Bennett Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Wood M<sup>r</sup> Roger Haskell L<sup>t</sup> Peter Noon M<sup>r</sup> Abner Wood L<sup>t</sup> Abner Kingman are the above Committee

Joseph Bates  
1784

A said meeting Voted to allow to Mr Joseph Bates his son Poll Tax in the Class where of Abner Pratt is his the same to be Paid out of the Town Tax 1784

Tucker 33  
34/3:0

Voted to Remitt to Samuel Tucker Ephraim Ruggert Poll Tax in P<sup>r</sup> Tucker's bid in old Benjamin L<sup>t</sup> 34/13:0

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at said Meeting Voted to Remitt to Seth Eaton Collector William Richardson Tax 3:0:0

Colson  
4:50

Likewise a Tax set to Ephraim Bombal 1:2:0  
Sum Total is 4:6:0

Thomas  
1784

Voted to Remitt to Daniel Thomas Constable a Tax in his bid set to Ebenezer Finkham 2:0:0

Turn Over

1784 Town Over

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6<sup>th</sup>  
Thomas  
1784

Voted to Remitt unto Cap<sup>t</sup> David Thomas Constable a Tax in his bid set to Nathan Cobb 2:0:0

7<sup>th</sup>  
Committee  
on the  
Thomas  
again

Voted and made choice of a Committee to settle the affair Between the Thomas Relation to their Sister Susanna who they are about to turn upon the Town for Maintenance Lachariah Wilson L<sup>t</sup> William Tomson Noah Eastman the above Committee

8<sup>th</sup>  
Isaac Eastman  
a  
Surgeon

made choice of Isaac Eastman Surgeon of his ways who was chosen Last March and Refused to serve because he was Not Warned according to Law

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>mt</sup> said meeting to Monday the Eleventh day of October Next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in said Town

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Annual  
March Meeting held  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1784

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1784 Continued by adj<sup>mt</sup> from March Sept being met by adj<sup>mt</sup> and adjournment the Moderator took his Place and proceeded to business as followeth 1784

9<sup>th</sup>  
Committee  
on the  
15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1784

Voted to Reconsider the former Vote of the Town Relation one of them to the Town taking in to their Power the sole Privilege of Excusing Poles from being Taxed and also a Vote of the Town Relation to Chasing a Cart chosen the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1784

10<sup>th</sup>  
Committee  
to assist the  
apportion

Voted to Choose a Committee to assist the apportioner in Looking up the Rateable Poles in the Town  
Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw L<sup>t</sup> William Tomson Dea<sup>n</sup> Benj<sup>m</sup> Thomas Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Wood L<sup>t</sup> Abner Kingman Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Bowen Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Wood and Roger Haskell L<sup>t</sup> Peter Noon

Committee  
to take  
care the  
Town Store

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomson Nehemiah Bennett and Ebenezer Wood a Committee to take care of the Town Store

Turn Over



1784

James A. Over

1785

Cushman

66:0:0

1:5:0

Wapton

1:12:6

Benjamin Thomas

1:12:0

Samson

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Voted to Remitt unto Sam<sup>r</sup> Cushman Solomon Bryant  
 Tax in said Cushman's Bill in a Quipen Bill  
 4 five Shilling in Silver  
 Voted to allow and pay to and David Wapton out of the  
 Town money the sum of one Pound two Shilling & six  
 Pence being a sum that his bill of a Short  
 Voted to Remitt unto Ben<sup>r</sup> Ben<sup>r</sup> Thomas a Debt due  
 in Ebene<sup>r</sup> Woods second Bill L 0:12:0  
 Voted to Remitt unto John Samson a Debt  
 L 1:10:9  
 Voted to Remitt unto Elanthon Combs Debed Borden  
 Debt due L 1:4:8 Likewise Jonathan Samson  
 Debt due L 1:4:8 for his Debt due  
 Then Voted to adj<sup>n</sup> P<sup>r</sup> meeting to the Last Monday  
 October at one o'clock in the after noon  
 To be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in  
 said Town  
 Attest Nath<sup>r</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Conventions  
 Meeting  
 Stand adj<sup>n</sup>

The Town Meeting Continued by adj<sup>n</sup> from the Sixth  
 of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1784  
 Stands adj<sup>n</sup> to the Last Monday in October 1784  
 Attest Nath<sup>r</sup> Wilder C<sup>r</sup>

1784

Full Meeting

1786

at a Town Meeting

held out the Easterly Precinct Meeting

house in Middleboro<sup>r</sup> on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October

1784 at said meeting Chose

at Isaac Tomison moderator

Voted at said Meeting to raise the sum of four Hundred

Pounds on the Poles and Estate of the Inhabitants of

the Town of Middleboro<sup>r</sup> and to be abt the first of Jan<sup>r</sup>

1784 and to be paid into the Treasurer of said Town the

the first of May 1786

Voted to sell the Priviledge of the alehouses in the

year 1782 by Dealen the 3<sup>r</sup> article

Voted that the Sale of the fish be held at Mr<sup>r</sup> Libe Eaton

at 1 o'clock after noon

and Chose ~~at~~ William Tomison Vendor Master

Voted to Chose three men a Committee to inspect

Great River and so that there be no Obstruction to the

alehouses as they pass up & down River

Ben<sup>r</sup> Barling

William Tomison

Sam<sup>r</sup> Burdison

the above Committee

Voted Not to act on the Last article in the Warrant

Then said meeting was adj<sup>n</sup> to the House of Mr<sup>r</sup>

Libe Eaton to be held immediately

Voted and Chose Capt<sup>r</sup> William Shaw Mr<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah

Bennet and Mr<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomison a Committee to Look

into the affair Relative to Esq<sup>r</sup> Willis Complaint

as to the Land being over Leased that belongs to the

Complaint of the River Mr<sup>r</sup> Benant do

Being Met by adj<sup>n</sup> the moderator and Vendor Master

Look them Places and Proceeded to buyings as follows they

Voted that the Purchasers of the alehouses be the proprietors

of the River in the Town of Middleboro<sup>r</sup> and to have all

the fish was put after any Breaches of Law Relative to Catching

fish

Attest

James Over



1784  
 Alewives  
 Sold to Cap  
 Leonard  
 £85:10:0

Full Meeting brought Over 1277  
 at said meeting Cap Zadock Leonard appeared  
 and Bidd for the Privilege of the alewives fishery  
 at the Shillingonick in Middleboro for the year  
 Insuing the Sum of Eighty Five Pound Ten  
 Shilling which was the Highest that any body  
 Bidd so that the Privilege was Declared to be  
 said Leonard and Coll. William Tupper and  
 and Mr Joseph Leonard appeared as Sureties  
 for P Leonard to the acceptance of the Town  
 At said meeting Voted that the Privilege be secured  
 to the Purchaser agreeable to Law.

Then P Meeting was Disolved  
 Nath. Wilden Town Clerk

Annual  
 March Meeting  
 Confine  
 by adj. mt  
 to the last  
 meeting on  
 October 1784

at a Town Meeting held at the Bodorly Precinct Meeting  
 House in Middleborough on Monday ye 25<sup>th</sup> Day  
 of October 1784 Continued by adj. from March  
 7<sup>th</sup> last and being met by adj. and the  
 Moderator being absent the Town by Vote Chose  
 Lt. Jehabod Wood Senior Moderator of the Day  
 and then Proceed to business as follows  
 Voted and Made Choice of Lt. Ebenezer Leonard  
 Abner Pratt and Jeremiah Thomas Seth Edley  
 and Edward Richardson for Constables the Present year  
 Voted for Constables the Present year  
 at said meeting by Vote the Town Accepted of  
 and Ebenezer Wood to serve as Constable in the  
 Room and stead of Mr. Jeremiah Thomas by  
 said Thomas being Sick for P. Wood to be Town  
 P. Wood has received the Gratia from the Town  
 promised to the Constable the Present year  
 at said Meeting Voted and Made Choice of Mr. Ebenezer  
 Wood an agent to prosecute those Constable that  
 Refused to take the oath of a Constable

by  
 Constables  
 Chosen

Thomas  
 Wood

3  
 said an  
 account to  
 Board of  
 Constables

1784 brought Over 1288

Plow  
 Wood  
 11:54

At said Meeting Voted to allow and pay out of the Town  
 Treasurer to Mr. Ebenezer Wood the Sum of Eleven Pound  
 one Shilling and four pence in full of his account  
 1775 do Collecting the Town money at the General and  
 paying it in to the State Treas. £8:5:0  
 In tending on the County Convention at Wareham  
 two Days and Expenses 0:7:6  
 In tending on the Convention at Concord  
 Horse & Expenses four Days 4:0:0  
 In paying for Gardener to complete the aforesaid 0:16:0  
 In a journey to Boston about the Iron bar 2:6:0  
 To Cash paid for advice 1:4:0  
 To Cash paid for Coppers 0:5:4  
 To Travel and attendance in the case with Geo.  
 Thomas against the Town with the attorney fees 19:6  
 11:54  
 Octob. 25<sup>th</sup> 1784 B. Wood

Then the Town adj. said meeting to the Third Monday  
 in Decemr Next at one O'clock in the after Noon  
 to be held at the Bodorly Precinct Meeting House in  
 said Town  
 Attest Nath. Wilden Town Clerk

The Town meeting Continued by adj. from ye 6<sup>th</sup>  
 of Jan. last being met the Town Chose Cap. Ezra  
 Starlow & Mr. John Miller as delegates to meet  
 in County Convention on adjournment at the  
 widow Loring in Plimton the 3 Tuesday in Novemr  
 1784 then adj. meeting  
 Attest Nath. Wilden Town Clerk



1784  
Simon & Leach

1779

A Town Meeting Held at the dwelling house  
of M<sup>r</sup> Loe Wood, Inhabitant in Middleborough  
on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1784  
at said meeting M<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Emerson Jun<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup>  
Andrew Leach were appointed by drawing out  
of the box as the Law Directs to serve on the jury  
of Jurors at the next Court of General Sessions  
of the Peace to be holden in Plymouth in and  
for said County of Plymouth on the Second Tuesday  
of June Next

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the aforesaid  
Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Day  
of June 1784 Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> from March last  
being read by adjournment the Moderator took his  
Place and Proceeded to business as follows 1784

- 1<sup>st</sup> at said meeting Voted to Elect a Nath<sup>l</sup> Emerson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
a Constable in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> John Smith  
being his Bondman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Voted to Elect of John Smith a Constable in the Room of  
M<sup>r</sup> Silas Warren by said Warren being his  
Bondman also Elect of John Smith 4<sup>th</sup> Constable  
in the Room and M<sup>r</sup> Silas Leonard  
by said Leonard being his Bondman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> at said meeting by Vote made choice of John Brown  
as Constable in the Room for the Town of Middleborough
- 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to Elect of John Brown a Constable in  
the Room and M<sup>r</sup> Silas Leonard by said  
Leonard being his Bondman
- 5<sup>th</sup> Voted to Elect of Nathaniel Alden a Constable in the  
Room & M<sup>r</sup> Silas Leonard by said Alden  
procuring an bondman to the Expense of the Town

Carried over

1784

Brought Over

1780

Richardson  
Smith  
Leach  
Vaughan  
Dunkham  
Goldrick  
Holmes  
Brown  
Alden  
Holt to be Sold  
and then put

At said meeting Voted to Remitt unto John Richardson Goldrick  
a Tax Set to his Brother William Richardson L 41:1:0  
also a Tax Set to Silas Leonard L 13:7:0  
Likewise to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Shiner L 10:7:0  
all the above Taxes in the sd<sup>d</sup> Summ<sup>r</sup> 64:1:0

At said meeting Voted to Remitt unto John Smith 4<sup>th</sup> Constable  
a Tax Set to some Road in Silas L 0:17:0

9 Voted to Release M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Leach from paying any Taxes  
the present year

10 Voted Not to Tax M<sup>r</sup> Eben Vaughan Com<sup>r</sup> Dunkham Richardson  
Goldrick John Holmes Thomas Brown and Nathaniel Alden  
with a Pool Tax the present year

Then the Town by Vote Disolved said Meeting

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

Agreed upon by the selectmen  
that all the selectmen  
one half the house and one  
quarter the first mill



1785

Middleborough

1281

Annual  
March  
Meeting  
Held  
14<sup>th</sup>  
Day 1785

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the  
14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1785 for the Choice of Town Officers  
and other Business inserted in the Warrant and the  
following Persons were Chosen into the respective  
offices Here after Named to wit

- 1 Rufus Richmond } Was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting
- 2 Nathl Wilder } Town Clerk
- 3<sup>d</sup> Lt. John Wood } a Committee  
Lt. Silvanus Thomas } to Enquire & Report in best  
to be done Relation to  
Capt Joshua Benson Garrison  
Ebenezer Wood Birds & others
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr Isaac Tomson  
Mr Thomas Nelson  
Capt Abner Bowen  
Mr Rufus Richmond  
Capt Ezra Harlow } Select Men
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nathl Wilder Town Treasurer
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mr Ebenezer Cobb } a Committee to Rectify  
Lt. Mr George Leonard } a mistake in a Return to the  
W. Jacob Bennet } Treas at the Towns Committee to  
Several Com. Hable to Collect by  
the assessor who were the above  
Committee
- 7<sup>th</sup> Benzilla Thomas  
Paul Pratt  
Ebenezer Hinds  
John Eaton  
Nash Haskell  
George Leonard } Wardens
- 8<sup>th</sup> Isaac Tomson  
Rufus Richmond  
Lt. Ladd Leonard  
Jeremiah Bennet  
Nash Clark } Assessors

1785

Middleborough

1282

9<sup>th</sup>

Moses Robbins: Capt Joseph Kest: Mr Laleb Tomson  
Coll William Soper: ~~Richard Thomas~~ Rufus Weston:  
William Drake: Henry Leonard Jun: Joseph Jackson:  
Capt Ames Washburn: William Canedy Jun: Hugh Montgomery  
Ezra Richmond: Samuel Eddy: Lebulon ~~Thomas~~ ~~Richard~~  
Lebulon Thomas: Samuel ~~Wood~~ ~~Thomas~~ Thomas Foster:  
George Leonard 2: ~~Henry~~ ~~William~~ James Soule 3:  
Samuel Purinton: Johnabo Benson: Jesse Vaughan  
Libous Simonens: Peter Wood: Surgeons of Highways

10<sup>th</sup>

Stephen Hathaway  
Israel Richard  
Nathl Barrair } Tithing men  
Thomas Tomson  
Jonathan Phinney  
Jacob Willier

11<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Bates - Sealer of Leather

12<sup>th</sup>

William Bennet  
Jacob Thomas } Toned Viewers  
Lt. Gorshorn Foster  
Capt Abraham Shaw

13<sup>th</sup>

Lt. William Tomson  
Israel Wood  
Moses Thomas  
James Peckens Jun } Surveyors of Lumber

14<sup>th</sup>

Benz<sup>n</sup> Booth  
Jeremiah Jones Jun  
Benzilla Thomas Jun  
Robert Green  
Sam<sup>n</sup> Torrey  
Jacob Thomas } Hagg Records

Sam<sup>n</sup> men



1785

Middleborough

1282C

Robert Warterman ( )  
Joseph Bonnet )

Washburn  
+ 0:18:0

A said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Stephen Washburn  
a Poll Tax in his bill. Set to Ebon Cobb June 30: 18: 18-

Prince  
8:16X

Voted to Permitt unto Cap<sup>l</sup> Abiel Perce a Tax Set  
to Rehoboth Borden, Poll 16<sup>d</sup> —

Pensing  
1-7-0

Vol'd to Remitt to Lt Townsing a Box Set to James Reid  
in said Townsing Bids £ 0.4750

McPerson  
1867

At said meeting permitted to Silvanus Peter for  
a Tax lot in his bill to Federal Bardon Park. — 1:47

Melton  
1-420

Remitted unto Nathan Alden a Bull Fox Lot in his  
Bills to Lemuel Thomas and another to foreman  
Thomas Jan 12 / 1840 Cash £ 1:4:0

Thomas  
IX 15:3

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Cap David Thomas  
some Hundred Pounds in said Thomas's Bill. £ 100

4002  
0.9 = 9

Permitted under Ainos Head & Tosi in his bill Set to  
Samuel Hackel 73 & to John Holme 26 1891-9

Smith  
C. 16: P 4

Remitted to John Smith a box in his bill Lot to  
Gibson Sharp. £ 0'16'8'

Вопрос  
2X13:2

At said meeting voted to Remitt unto Joseph Bumpas  
a dose in his bill bet to Francis Billington and a mother  
to Perez Cushman 26 1/2 Sam total £ 2:13:2

Period over

1000

1785

Middleborough

1223C

Inspector  
of  
the Fish

at said meeting voted and made choice of Colli William  
Lupper Capt Ladoch Leonard Joseph Leonard Capt  
Abner Boxen & Nathaniel Thomas Inspectors of the  
allevies to see that there is no obstruction to the fish  
as they pass up Nemasket River to Coast their spawn —

Commit  
about  
the field

as they pass up. Norman  
it said in closing voted and made choice of Nathaniel Wilder  
Dr. William Larnson & Jacob Thomas as a committee to see  
that the water is not drawn off by <sup>my report</sup> works on the Milling  
mill dam so but the fish may have a good chance  
to get up and the Purchasers had the Privilege. And they  
bought with said fish

Liberty 10  
Take the  
fish at  
apeworm  
brook.

Then voted and allowed to take the alewives at the usual  
Place at a swampy Brook Tuesday in each month week  
Tuesday & Wednesday & made choice Capt Abraham  
Shaw & Lt. Gifford Foster a Comonalty to inspect  
said fishing Place according to Law  
all the above Inspectors to have all the fines for  
any Breach of Law relative to catching said fish

Then the Town By Vote adjourned said meeting  
to the first Monday in April 1785

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



1785 Middleborough 224  
 at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
 meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the  
 14<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1785  
 at said meeting by vote made choice of  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw & Dea<sup>n</sup> Ebene<sup>r</sup> Briggs  
 to be on the Grand Jury at the next Court of the  
 General Sessions of the Peace for the county of Ply-  
 mouth on the second Tuesday of April next and  
 at the several Courts of General Sessions of the  
 Peace for said County for the year ensuing  
 and Lephraiah Shaw Micah Leonard & Job Chase  
 were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the  
 Law directs to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the  
 next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for  
 the County of Plymouth to be held at said Plymouth  
 on the second Tuesday of April next

Governors  
 Meeting  
 at a Meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Middleborough agreeable to the Constitution on the first  
 Monday in April 1785 at the Easterly Precinct meeting  
 house in said Town for the choice of Governor &c  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Bodwin Esq had 35 Votes  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Cushing Esq 1  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Gorham 1 Governor  
 George Watson 1  
 Capt<sup>l</sup> James Holton 2  
 Elbridge Gary 1  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Benson 1  
 James Eaton 1  
 George Watson Esq had 18 Votes  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Gorham 4  
 Thomas Cushing 0  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Josiah Benson 11  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Nathan Cushing 19  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Turner 19  
 Hugh Orr 27 Senators  
 Ephraim Allen 11  
 Ephraim Spooner 12  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Cushing Esq 12  
 attested Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

1785 Middleborough 225  
 The Ann<sup>ual</sup> Mar<sup>ch</sup> Meeting  
 by adj<sup>nt</sup>  
 on Monday  
 at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting  
 house in Middleborough on Monday the fourth Day of April  
 1785 Continued by adjournment from the fourth of  
 March past & being opened by adj<sup>nt</sup> & the moderator  
 being absent the Town by vote made choice of Mr  
 Isaac Tomison = moderator of the Day  
 voted to choose five Overseers of the Poor for the next  
 year Mr Ezra Clark L<sup>td</sup> William Tomison Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith  
 L<sup>td</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Eaton Mr Jacob Thomas  
 voted to except the List of Jurys drawn by the Select men  
 and presented to the Town agreeable to Law  
 List of  
 Jurys Excepted  
 chose a Committee of six men to sort out one fourth  
 part of the above List and put them in to the Superior  
 box according to Law  
 the Committee was Nehemiah Bennett Rufus Richmond  
 Mar<sup>sh</sup> Edward Sparrow Cap<sup>t</sup> Laddock Leonard Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Shaw  
 & Cap<sup>t</sup> James Perce  
 Wood  
 19<sup>th</sup>  
 voted to Remitt unto Mr Eben<sup>er</sup> Wood Confable a Tax  
 set in his bills to Stephen Gibbs his Poll & Personal 19/0  
 Fuller  
 66<sup>th</sup>  
 Remitted to Doct<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Fuller Collector a Tax in  
 his bills set to Thomas Foster sons Polls 66/0 00 the Emission  
 Lucas  
 96<sup>th</sup> 10  
 Remitted to Benoni Lucas Collector W<sup>m</sup> Sharpe & Son  
 in Lucas bills 96/11 10 the Emission & 2/0 in Silver  
 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Remitted to Seth Norton a Tax in his bills set to Solomon  
 Boyart in ad<sup>l</sup> Emission - 22/0 10  
 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 voted to excuse Joshua Waterman & chose Henry Wood Examined  
 Hushai Thomas & chose Nathan Warren Surveyors of High ways  
 & Reviewed the Chace of Elder wood  
 Then the Town by vote adj<sup>nt</sup> said meeting to adjourn  
 at Ten a clock in the fore noon  
 attested Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



March Meeting  
begun  
May 17<sup>th</sup> 1785

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on May the 4<sup>th</sup> 1785  
Continued by adj<sup>mt</sup> from the 14<sup>th</sup> of March Post being moved by S<sup>r</sup> adj<sup>mt</sup> the moderator took his Place and proceeded to Business as follows with 10<sup>15</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> At said meeting Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Lauch Leonard his account for 2<sup>d</sup> Day taking the Valuation and Nine Days making a State County & Town Rate at 4<sup>th</sup> p<sup>er</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Leonard the Sum Total £ 7:4:0

2<sup>d</sup> At said meeting Voted to allow Mr. Rufus Richmond his account to Nine Days Estimating the Service Ten by the Soldier in the War 1:16:0 To one Day to making out Return of Carriages 4<sup>th</sup> To Eighteen Day making out Returns & taking the Valuation 3:12:0

To Seven Day making a State County & Town Rate 1:0:0  
Richmond Sum Total £ 7:0:0

3<sup>d</sup> Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Treas<sup>re</sup> unto Mr. Nehemiah Bonnet his account for one Day making out a List of Carriages to the Excise master 4<sup>th</sup> To 29<sup>th</sup> Day a taking the Valuation 5:10:0

4<sup>th</sup> To 12 Day making the State bills and making the State County & Town Tax -- Sum Total £ 0:10:0

Bonnet 4<sup>th</sup> Permitted to Mr. Eben<sup>r</sup> Wood Constable a Tax in his bills set to Daniel Leary 12<sup>th</sup> State Tax No 3

15<sup>th</sup> Permitted to Mr. David Weston Constable a Tax in his bills set to James Henry 16<sup>th</sup>

at said meeting Voted to Permitt unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Amos Ware Constable a Tax in his bills set to William Richmond in Silver £ 6:9:0

Voted to Permitt unto Mr. Jonathan Washburn Collected the Sum of 10<sup>4</sup>:16:4 Old Smuggon Like vice Seven Shilling

one penny in Silver -- it being a Tax set to Mr. William Richmond

Carried Over

1785  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Harlow  
an agent

brought Over

At said meeting Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow an agent to go down to Plymouth in order to compare with those Ships Put into Goal by Cap<sup>t</sup> Apial Prince & others for Rates and take them out Provided they will bind them selves to said agent to take him by Land or water until they have paid said Taxes

At said meeting Voted to excuse Sam<sup>l</sup> Eaton from serving as an Officer of the Poor & Chose Elijah Alden in said Eaton Room & Place

Then Voted to adjourn said meeting Six Weeks from this Day at two o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Town

at Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middlebor<sup>gh</sup> on Wednes Day 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1785

At said meeting Chose Mr. Isaac Tomsen Moderator  
Chose a Committee to Consult with Mr. Eleazer Thomas Petitioner to the Support of his Sister which was the Paragon in the variant Chose Mr. John Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> Bourne & Cap<sup>t</sup> Harlow the Committee Reported that they have agreed to Leave the above affair with Mr. Thomas Relative to the Support of his Sister Susanna to men Cap<sup>t</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Smith & Mr. John Wood & Mr. Joseph Lovell when Chosen

Then the Town Chose Mr. Edmund Wood Eben<sup>r</sup> Wood & Zachariah Weston to act in behalf of the Town in the above affair  
Adj<sup>mt</sup> to the next Town meeting

Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk



MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #78  
TOWN RECORDS 1773-1788, 2:288-305, 336-374, 1-14 Holbrook



1785

Town met  
ing for  
the choice  
of a  
Representative  
At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct in  
Middleboro' on May 4<sup>th</sup> Day 1785  
at said meeting chose Mr. Isaac Tomson to Represent  
said Town of Middleborough in the State and General  
Court for the Common wealth of Massachusetts to be  
convened and held at the State house in Boston  
on the Last Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1786 and be on  
for the year ensuing &

Then the meeting was dissolved

Attest Nath Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
meeting house in Middleborough of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day  
of May 1785 at said meeting by vote made choice  
Grand Jury of Lt. Ichabod Wood Senior and Mr. Eben Wood  
to serve on the Grand Jury and Capt Philip Leonard  
and Lt. Elipha Haskell were appointed by drawing  
out of the box to serve on the Jury of Legals at the  
Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize  
and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Plymouth  
in and for the County of Plymouth on the third  
Tuesday of May Instant

Attest Nath Wilder Town Clerk

1786

May  
Meeting  
for choice  
of  
Representative

At a Town meeting held at the Easter Precinct meeting house  
in Middleborough on Wednesday the fourth Day of May 1786  
at said meeting the Town by vote chose Mr. Isaac Tomson  
to Represent said Town at the State and General Court  
for the Common wealth to be convened & held at the State  
house in Boston on the Last Wednesday of May Instant  
and be on during said Session or Sessions for the ensuing year

Nath Wilder Town Clerk

Jurisdiction  
for the  
Superior  
Court May  
1786

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting  
House in Middleboro' on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1786  
Then the Town by vote made choice of Lt. Ichabod Wood Senior  
and Mr. Eben Wood to serve on the Grand Jury and Capt  
Philip Leonard & Lt. Elipha Haskell were appointed by drawing  
out of the box as the Law Direct to serve on the Jury of  
Legals at the Next Superior Court of Judicature Court of assize  
and General Goal Delivery to be held at Plymouth in the  
County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday of May Instant



August 1  
1785

1290

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the first day of August 1785 Continued by adj<sup>mt</sup> from March 1785 - being met by adjournment the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to Business as followeth viz -

3<sup>ly</sup>  
Hatheway  
£249:11

at said meeting Voted to Remitt unto Stephen Hatheway Constable a Tax Set to John Remnold in his bills the sum of £219:11

2<sup>ly</sup>  
Eaton

Voted to Remitt unto Seth Eaton Collector a Tax in his bills Set to Mr William Richmond £1513:0

3<sup>ly</sup>  
Tomson

at said meeting Voted to allow Mr Isaac Tomson his account in 1784 to Nine Days to look up the account and make a Return into the Secretarys office of all the County paid to all Soldiers Raised by the Town of Middleborough in the late war £16:0

4<sup>ly</sup>  
Smith

to one Day to make a Return of Carriages on which a Duty is Laid - £4:0  
to 27 Days taking the late Valuation - £5:8:0  
to 27 Days taking the late Valuation - £7:8:0

5<sup>ly</sup>  
Smith

Voted to Remitt unto John Smith Constable in 1783 a Tax Set in his bills to Mr Peter in said Smith bills £0:16:0

6<sup>ly</sup>  
Eaton

Remitts unto Ebenezer Wood Constable two Pools Taxes in his bills Set to Amor Bryant £1:10:10

7<sup>ly</sup>  
Clark

Remitts unto Doct<sup>r</sup> Joseph Clark £1:6:0 being a mistake in his R<sup>te</sup> bills

8<sup>ly</sup>  
Bourn

Voted and allowed Capt Bourn his account for four Days to Return in to the Secretarys office the County given to Soldiers some the Commencement of September 0:16:0

Then the Town by Vote July: Said meeting to the Fall meeting at one o'clock after Noon  
attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Clk.

August 1  
1785

1291

Doct<sup>r</sup> John  
Vernon  
by way  
of Joseph  
Bourn

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the first day of August 1785

at said meeting Voted for the Town to pay the Debt brought against said Town by the Heirs of Doct<sup>r</sup> Elisha Tobe Sen<sup>r</sup> for his Debt to Joseph Bourn and Cutting of his Legs Provided that Mr Lachariah Weston Give up to said Town the R<sup>te</sup> for what he did to Doct<sup>r</sup> Parker of Norton and said Town to Vote and Receive a former Debt Belonging to said Doct<sup>r</sup> Bourn on agent to Take in to possession the Estate of Francis Bourn and Recorded in page 243

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and agreed with said Weston for the Town to have their Proportion of any sum of money that may be R<sup>d</sup> on account of said Joseph Bourns due from the State having Reference to R<sup>te</sup> and what has been expended -

Voted and made choice of Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder to go to Taunton and settle the above Demand on as good Terms as he can in favour of the Town

at said meeting Voted and made choice of Joseph Ripley a Collector to collect the remaining Part of a Tax Remitted to Mr Silson Ripley Doct<sup>r</sup> to Collect by Peter Smith being his Bondsman  
Voted that said Joseph be Exempted from Serving on his own account the Term of Seven years

Then said meeting was Termined Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk  
at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1785 at said meeting Mr Bourns Speech  
Mr Peter Smith were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law directs to select and the jury of Freemen at the Next Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Plymouth to be held at Plymouth afore said the first Tuesday of October Next  
attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Clk.



1785

292

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1785 Continued by adj<sup>nt</sup> from March 14<sup>th</sup> Past and being called by P. adjoint the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to Business as followeth vizt

1<sup>st</sup> by Committee to settle with the Town

Voted and made Choice of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw & Mr Isaac Tomson a Committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer and Report to the Town as soon as may be

2<sup>nd</sup> by Noah Clark

Voted to allow Mr Noah Clark his account  
2<sup>nd</sup> Day taking the Valuation in 1784 at 4<sup>th</sup> Day £ 5:12:0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Day making a State Tax in 1784 at 4<sup>th</sup> Day 11:0:0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Day making a Gen<sup>l</sup> & County Tax in 1784 1:0:0  
Sum Total £ 7:12:0

3<sup>rd</sup> by Harlow

Voted to Remitt unto John Harlow a Pool Tax in Cap<sup>t</sup> abiel Paine's bills 16/8

4<sup>th</sup> by Coombs

Voted to Remitt unto Elanathan Coombs a Pool Tax in his bills set to Silvanus Wood 1:0:0 also 1:2:4 & set to Jhabed Barden also Remitted Mr Thomas Paine Rate £ 1:17:7 Likewise a Pool Tax set to Jonathan Samson 1:4:0 Sum Total £ 5:7:7

5<sup>th</sup> by Alden

Voted to Remitt unto Mr Nathan Alden Constable 17/ set in his bills to Silvanus Wood Likewise 1:2:5 more also 1:9:0 to Jhabed Barden & 17/ set to John Harlow Likewise allow his account for transporting several Poor Persons from this Town to London 2:8:0 Sum Total £ 6:13:6

6<sup>th</sup> by Bates

Voted and Remitted unto Mr Joseph Bates 66:0:0 Old Emision & 5/ in Silvan & to draw the same out of the Tre<sup>as</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> by Wood

Remitted unto Amos Wood Collector a Tax in his bills set to Amos Bryant 11/

Carried Over

1785

1293

brought over  
at said meeting Voted and allowed Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Clark his account for sitting in Convention at the Widow Loring 16/ as also 10/ to Mr Eben<sup>l</sup> Wood for the same Business  
Likewise 10/ to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow for the same Purpose above mentioned

Bryant

at said meeting Remitted unto Jesse Bryant Constable 10/ being a Poll Tax set to Silvan Wood

Cap<sup>t</sup>

Voted to Remitt unto Eben<sup>l</sup> Case a Poll Tax in his bills set to William Cushman 1:0:6

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>nt</sup> said meeting to the first Monday in Jan<sup>r</sup> Next at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in said Town  
attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

fall Meeting

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct house in Middleborough on Monday the eleventh Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1785

at said meeting

Voted and made Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond Moderator of said meeting

1<sup>st</sup> by

Voted to set the Privilege of the alewife fishing as usual

2<sup>nd</sup> by

Voted and made Choice of Mr Rufus Richmond & Vondra Maffey for the sale of said fish to be held at the dwelling house of Col<sup>l</sup> Speer at four o'clock this after noon

3<sup>rd</sup> by

Voted to raise the Sum of two Hundred Pounds on the Poll & Estate of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough for the Purpose of Defraying the necessary Charges arising in said Town & to be paid up with the next apportionment

Money Razed

Voted that over persons be empowered to settle with Mr George of Norton Relative to the support of his mother on as good terms for the Town as they can but if he Refuses to proceed with them according to law

John Coen











1706 Middleborough 290

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb: 1706 Continued by an adj<sup>mt</sup> from March Last Past being on the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as followeth

1<sup>st</sup> by Vote made Choise of M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Richmond a Committee Man in the Room & Steed of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomson Who is to be at Boston to settle with him for the same  
at a Meeting Permitted unto Mr Stephen Washburn part of a Fox set unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua Benson L 1:10  
2<sup>nd</sup> as also a Fox set unto Sam<sup>l</sup> Hackett Do 1:5<sup>th</sup>  
There were Permitted unto Cap<sup>t</sup> Abiel Peir  
a Constable a Son in his bills set to Mr Jehabed Cory  
a Cool Fox 0:16/0

Then said meeting was dissolved  
Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in Middleborough on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1706 at said meeting chose Nath<sup>l</sup> Fearing Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator  
at said meeting chose M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>h</sup> Wood M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Percuton & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow a Committee to take on Silvanus Petersons Rates bills and assist said Peterson in Collecting the Remaining Part of the apportioned Com<sup>ms</sup> to said Peterson to Collect  
by Vote made Choise of Nath<sup>l</sup> Fearing Esq<sup>r</sup> agent to call on the Heirs of the several Constables that have not made a settlement with the State

This meeting stands adj<sup>mt</sup> unto Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Instant March at one o'clock P<sup>m</sup> Noon  
Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

1706 Middleborough 299

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1706 for the Choise of Town officers and the Baying Inspected in the Varsant

1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Richmond was Chosen Moderator  
2<sup>nd</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clerk

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Nelson  
M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomson  
3<sup>rd</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Richmond } Select Men  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra Harlow  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Bourn

4<sup>th</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder } Town Treasurer

5<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Thomas } Overseers of the Poor  
L<sup>th</sup> William Tomson

6<sup>th</sup> John Conter Esq<sup>r</sup> of Plymouth Register of Deeds for the County of Plymouth had 110 Votes  
Boza Hayson of Bridgewater had five votes

Cap<sup>t</sup> Zadoch Leonard  
M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomson  
M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Richmond  
M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Clark  
M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Bonnet  
7<sup>th</sup> u u u u u

Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Bourn  
M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Tomson  
M<sup>r</sup> Braddock Horn  
8<sup>th</sup> L<sup>th</sup> Isaac Leitch  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Keck  
L<sup>th</sup> Zadoch Leonard  
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Business carried over



1786 Annual Meeting brought Dec 13000  
 9<sup>th</sup> at said meeting Voted to have the Publick money Collected  
 at 4<sup>th</sup> p<sup>er</sup> pound  
 10<sup>th</sup> Constables  
 Mr Andrew Leach  
 Mr Simon Macomber  
 Mr Hugh Montgomery  
 Mr John Allen  
 Doct Thomas Sturtevant  
 Mr Jonathan Wood  
 Mr Matthias Ellis  
 11<sup>th</sup> Surgeons  
 of High  
 Roads  
 Elijah Thomas, Elisha Rider, Jacob Miller,  
 Ebenezer Sinkhorn, Paul Pratt, Elijah Hackett, J<sup>r</sup>,  
 Elijah Eaton, Silas White, L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Wood  
 Isaac Lamson, Cap<sup>t</sup> William Canady, George Pierce,  
 George Richmond, Josiah Clark, L<sup>t</sup> Joseph Macomber,  
 Joseph Thomas, Simon Doggott, Doct Thomas Sturtevant,  
 Joshua Norton, Joseph Durinton, Charles Ellis,  
 Samuel Durinton, Japhet Washburn, Isaac Shaw,  
 Nathaniel Howland, Ephraim Thomas  
 Surgeons of High ways  
 Joseph Booth  
 Robert Green  
 Isaac Sinkhorn  
 Joseph Leonard  
 James Macomber  
 Abraham Vaughan  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sythney Men  
 13<sup>th</sup> Sealers of Leather  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Isaac Wood  
 14<sup>th</sup> Gene Viewers  
 William Bennett  
 Jacob Thomas  
 Ephraim Foster  
 Abraham Shaw

Carried to next page

1786 brought forward 3010  
 Annual Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>  
 1787  
 L<sup>t</sup> William Tomson  
 Israel Wood  
 James Thomas  
 Stephen Hathaway  
 Surgeons of Lumber  
 16<sup>th</sup> Hagg Hens  
 Benj<sup>n</sup> Booth  
 Barnabas Lamson  
 Zephaniah Thomas  
 Elisha Alden  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> N<sup>m</sup> Shaw  
 Silvanus Bennett  
 17<sup>th</sup> Hors Recor  
 Robert Waterman  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Amos Washburn  
 18<sup>th</sup> L<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tomson, Abner Barrows, Ebenezer Wood, Jacob Thomas  
 and Noah Eushman Inspectors of Homage River &  
 to have shot since they collect for any breach of law  
 relating to catching fish contrary to law  
 19<sup>th</sup> Samuel Durinton & Nath<sup>l</sup> Shaw Chosen to go down  
 to Fountain Grid River as Inspectors of the fish & to be  
 paid by the town & the town to provide what they  
 collect  
 20<sup>th</sup> at said meeting granted Liberty to take the allowing  
 the Report year & accomplish Branch as usual Monday evening  
 of each week & chose L<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Foster & Mr Abraham  
 Shaw Inspectors of said brook  
 21<sup>st</sup> at said Meeting Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Ezra has low his  
 account for Estimating the Losses the Soldiers had done  
 in the late war for 4 days at 4<sup>th</sup> p<sup>er</sup> Day L<sup>t</sup> 0:16:0  
 Then the town Voted to adj<sup>st</sup> said meeting to the first  
 Monday in April at one o'clock after Noon  
 to be held at the above meeting house  
 Wm<sup>l</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> & Wilder Town Clk



1786

1303

Governor

Lieutenant Governor

Justices

Annual March Meeting

At a meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Secret meeting house in S. Town on the first Monday in April 1786 agreeable to Constitution & Votus Bore Given is for the following Gentlemen viz

The Esq. James Bodoin Esq. of Boston had 15  
The Hon. John Hancock Esq. of S. Town 14  
George Watson Esq. of Plymouth 4  
For a Governor

Hon. Thomas Lushington Esq. of Boston had 12  
George Watson Esq. of Plymouth 9  
For a Governor

Hon. W. Cha. Turner Esq. of S. Town 7  
Hon. Nathaniel Cushing Esq. of S. Town 6  
Nathaniel Mitchell Esq. of Bridgewater 4  
Col. E. White of Rochester 11  
Joshua Peering Esq. of Middleborough 16  
Ephraim Spooner Esq. of Plymouth 12  
Col. Samuel Clark of Middleborough 3  
Dr. Isaac Emerson of S. Town 3

When the Town by Vote Deputed said Meeting

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being met on the first Monday in April by adj. of their annual March meeting the Moderator took his Place

and the Town by Vote adj. said meeting unto Thursday the Twenty 6th day of Instant April at one o'clock after Noon to be held at the Easterly Secret meeting house in S. Town

attest Nath. Wilson Clerk

Justices  
Pleas for  
April Court  
1786

1304

At a Town meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough on the 3 Sunday of April 1786 at said meeting the Town chose Cap. William Shaw and Cap. Nath. Smith were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at our Next Court of Common Pleas for the County of Plymouth

Likewise our Joseph Thomas & Jacob Thomas were appointed by being drawn out of the Box as the said Jurors to serve on the Jury of Trials at our Next Court of Common Pleas for the County of Plymouth to be holden ye 3 Sunday April 1786

N. Wilson Town Clerk

Annual Meeting by adj.

John Borden Warden

Redden

Samson

Weston

Leonard

Montgomery

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Secret meeting house in Middleborough on Thursday 20th April 1786 by an adj. from March but being met the Moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business as follows viz

At S. meeting by Vote Excused Cap. Abner Brown from serving a Warden the present year & chose John Borden

Noted that our William Redden have Liberty to use one of the Town Spade to dig Graves with by our Justice Towns being accountable for the same

Voted to Remit unto Mr. John Samson Constable the one half of a fine in his bill set to Cap. Joshua Borden £12 9 11 all by set to John Holmes Total £12 9 11

Voted that Mr. David Weston Constable Draw out of the Town Fund 16 0 he being obliged to pay in to S. the same sum as sum as he can possible Collect

it of Roland Leonard for a fine set to P. Leonard in D. Weston's bill

Voted to allow & pay out of the Town to Hugh Montgomery the Value of two Eight Cotten Cattle New Benjamin that John took when Constable that were Counterfeit

sent to the Treasury

Carried Over



1786

David  
Weston  
Procl. Secy  
from Dan  
Eben Wood  
an  
agent.

Annual Meeting brought over 1306  
At a Meeting Voted to excuse m<sup>r</sup> David Weston from being  
Soc. Secy for the future

Voted and made choice of M<sup>r</sup> Eben Wood an agent  
for the present year to prosecute all such persons as the  
Town shall give order for

Peire  
2:11

Voted and allowed Richard Peire his account for  
Sundry Remittances on his old bills as much as the year ago  
Sum total £ 2:11:2

Reed  
33:7

Remitted unto Beny<sup>m</sup> Reed Collected a Tax in his bills  
Set to Joseph Bonnet 33:7:0

Leonard  
2:2

Remitted unto Joseph Leonard & Constable  
£ 9:4 Set to Joseph Bonnet

John Allen  
Excused  
Remitting  
Constable

Voted to excuse John Allen from serving Constable  
the present year

Committee

At a meeting Voted to Choose a Committee of 12 men  
to assist the assessors in settling the valuation in  
the Town they being under oath

Assessors

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Tomson  
to have  
Capt W<sup>m</sup> Shaw  
Lt W<sup>m</sup> Tomson  
M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Richmond  
to have  
M<sup>r</sup> Zebdee Sprout

to have

Capt Zedock Leonard  
Joshua White Esq<sup>r</sup>  
William Bonnet  
P<sup>r</sup> Meeting stand ad  
to 4<sup>th</sup> day May at Nine  
o'clock in the forenoon  
to be held at the best wing  
Present meeting house in  
said Town

to have

M<sup>r</sup> Noah Clarke  
Capt John Nelson  
& m<sup>r</sup> Bonfourn Houston  
after Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>

to have

M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Bennett  
m<sup>r</sup> Sum<sup>r</sup> Purinton  
m<sup>r</sup> Eliphaz Thomas  
m<sup>r</sup> Doris Thomas

1786

May  
Meeting  
held  
4<sup>th</sup> day  
1786

At a Town Meeting held by the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Middleboro at the Easterly Present on Monday  
in said Town on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1786  
for the choice of a Representative

at said meeting by vote made choice of m<sup>r</sup>  
Isaac Tomson to Represent said Town at the Great &  
General Court of the General Assembly of Massachusetts  
for the year ensuing  
attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>

Annual  
March  
Meeting  
held  
by  
ad  
Constable

Annual March meeting held by the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Middleboro by vote made choice of m<sup>r</sup> Eben Wood  
to be m<sup>r</sup> of the said meeting the Moderator  
took his Place & proceeded to business as follows  
at said meeting Voted to excuse Simcoe Macomber from serving  
Constable the present year

Remitted  
unto  
Peire

Remitted unto Aaron Nelson a Rate in his bills set to John Smith  
made choice of M<sup>r</sup> Eben Wood to assist m<sup>r</sup> Peire in collecting  
the remaining part of his apptment

Peire  
2:11

at said meeting Voted to allow m<sup>r</sup> Beny<sup>m</sup> Reed his account £ 12:0  
for going to the Court of the County of Middleboro  
Remitted to John Smith a Tax set unto Joseph Bonnet £ 13:4

Remitted  
unto  
Peire

Remitted unto Richard Peire & Constable a Tax in his bills  
set to Henry Advertiser £ 2:09

Remitted  
unto  
Shaw

Remitted unto Capt William Shaw Constable a Rate in his  
bills set to Sum<sup>r</sup> Raymond £ 4:0

Remitted  
unto  
Richmond

Remitted unto Job Richmond Collector a Tax in his bills  
to Adam Lason in return £ 6:6  
another set unto William Richmond £ 15:7

Peire

Voted to excuse m<sup>r</sup> Richard Peire from paying a Tax for his bill

Bryant  
IX 169

Remitted unto Jesse Bryant Widow Mary Borden Rate in his  
bill £ 1:14 also a Rate in his bills set to Joseph Duggins  
£ 15:4

Wardens  
Excused

John Borden Excused from serving Warden & then Joseph White  
son & then Excused him

Peire

at said meeting Instructed M<sup>r</sup> Eben Wood the Town agent for  
the present year to prosecute Francis Gooden for the  
support of his mother

Peire

Eben Wood & Capt Ezra hawks a Committee to join with  
the Town mill to inspect the at river fishery down the  
Tarrant Great River -- ady to move on the 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of August at one o'clock P.M.  
attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>



1786

Chosen for  
May Court

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at a Town Meeting held at the Meeting house in the  
Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the 8th Day of May  
1786  
Mr. Eben Wood & Mr. Ebene Cobb were Chosen  
to serve on the Grand Jury & Mr. John Woodcock & Mr.  
James Shaw were appointed by drawing out of the  
Box to serve on the Jury of Inquests at the next  
Superior Court of Judicature Court of a size  
and General Goal Delivery to be holden at Plymouth  
in and for the County of Plymouth on the third Tuesday  
of May Instant

Annual  
March Meeting

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct  
Meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 15th  
Day of May 1786

Continued by adjournment from 20th March 1786  
being read the Moderator took his seat and  
proceeded to business as follows to wit  
at said meeting Voted and Chose a Committee  
of five men to certify & certify any Mistakes  
in any of the Constables Riders bills in S. M. D.  
of the last session have paid any of the subscribers  
being high & Report to the Town  
Capt. William Shaw chosen as President & Burmester  
and left Capt. Isaac Wood & Mr. Ebene Cobb as  
moderators above mentioned

Jonathan Wood & Hugh Montgomery from serving  
Constable the present year

Chose Nathl. Shaw & Paul Pratt for J. and Isaac  
Barnes as Nathl. Southworth chosen as Norton John Barn  
George Service to serve as Constable the present year

Selected Ebene Cobb from serving Warren  
& Chose Thomas Foster  
Nathl. Shaw & Jephtha Ripley a Town Const in his bills  
the above meeting adjourned to the third  
Tuesday June at one o'clock next morn

att. A. Nathl. Wilde Town Clerk

1786

Annual March Meeting 1786

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting  
house in Middleborough on Monday the 8th of June 1786--  
Continued by adj. & being read the Moderator took his  
seat & proceeded to business as follows to wit  
Voted to choose John Cobb, Nathl. Shaw & Isaac Barn  
from serving Constable the present year

Compable  
Executed

Abstained  
apart  
to Vondue  
Nathl. Wilde

Voted to higher our Publick moneys Collected the present  
year and that the select men be appointed to Vondue the bills

Chose Capt. Ebene Cobb a Justice of the Peace & Ebene Cobb  
in taking the Valuation the present year  
Stand adj. to the 1st Day of August next at one o'clock  
after noon to be held at the above mentioned house in S. M. D.  
att. Nathl. Wilde Town Clerk

at a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house  
in Middleborough Seventh Day of August 1786

at said meeting Chose Mr. Rufus Richmond Moderator  
Voted that it be the order of the Town that the Constitution  
of the Commonwealth be Revised

Voted to Chuse Delegates for a County Convention to be  
in this County or any other in S. State if any therein be  
viz. Dec. Barn, Thorne as Nathl. Barn, Eben Wood  
Whom Chosen for said Delegates

the above meeting stands adj. to Thursday the Seventh Day  
of August next at one o'clock after noon to be held  
at the above meeting house in S. M. D.

Likewise the annual March meeting stands adj.  
to the above time & place

att. Nathl. Wilde Town Clerk



1726

1825

at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the seventh day of Sept 1786 Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> being met the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to business as followeth viz

by Vote Excused Noah leaving Esq<sup>r</sup> from serving as one of the Jurors & Let by Elson

& Chose Samuel Purinton to serve in said leaving stead

The Town by Vote adj<sup>y</sup> said meeting to the fall meeting to be held at the above Place at two o'clock after noon

attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clk

The Annual March Meeting Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1786 & being once the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to business as followeth viz

by Vote to Remit unto John Smith & Son \$100<sup>00</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> being a tax in his Rate bills set unto Nath<sup>l</sup> Southworth for the black boy that Liar with him

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>y</sup> said meeting to the fall meeting at two o'clock after noon to be held at the above mentioned meeting house in said Town

attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clk

at a Town meeting held at the dwelling house of L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Sprague on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1786

at said meeting M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Perry & M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Shaw were appointed by drawing out of the box as the Law direct to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the Next Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in the County of Plymouth on the first Tuesday in October Next

Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clk

1726

1840

Fall Meeting  
Sep 25  
1786

Committee  
to  
give  
Instructions  
to our  
Representatives

Rate  
Bills  
at the  
Common  
Court

at 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

at a Town Meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday the twenty fifth day of Sept 1786 and at said meeting Chose

Cap<sup>t</sup> William Shaw Moderator

at said Meeting by Vote made Choice of the following Gentlemen a Committee to give Instructions to our Representatives at the next sitting of the General Court

Lebedee Sprout Eben<sup>h</sup> Wood Joseph Purinton William Bennett Jason Ben<sup>h</sup> Thomas Gail Thomas Shurtocott Doct<sup>r</sup> Joseph Elson Isaac Soule Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Smith & Col<sup>l</sup> John Nelson save the Committee

at said meeting Voted Not for to Commit the Report of the assessment now made and in the hands of the assessors to any Constable or Collectors at Present

Voted that the Town will Indemnify the assessors of said Town in Not committing the above said assessment to any Constable or Collector

Voted that the above mentioned Rate Bills continue in the hands of the assessors until further order of the Town

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>y</sup> said meeting until Monday the second day of October Next at one o'clock after noon to be held at the above mentioned meeting house

attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clk

The Town Meeting held at the above mentioned meeting house the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1786 Continued by adj<sup>y</sup> and together with the annual March meeting for 1786 being met the moderator took his Place and then Not being time to do business the Town adj<sup>y</sup> both the above meeting until Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1786 to be held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in said Town at two o'clock after noon

attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Town Clk



1786

1341

Report  
by the  
Selectmen  
with the  
Town Tax

At a Town meeting held at the meeting house in the Easterly Precinct in Middleborough on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1786 Continued by adj<sup>nt</sup> the moderator took his place and proceeded to Reading as follows  
Voted to Dispose the Raising any Sum of Money for the Defeat

By Voted that Mr. Garrison Petition the General Court to Inpower Mr. Eben<sup>er</sup> Wood to Collect the Remain- ing Part of the apportioned Committied w<sup>th</sup> and Silvanus Peterson to Collect and the Town is to allow said Wood what they think is Reasonable for his service

Postponed the Sale of the alewives at Joseph Adams

by Voted Excepted of the Report of the Committies to Give Instruction to Mr. Garrison our Representation

By Voted that the Town Tax together with Mr. Garrison Dispose of the old Smiths money that belongs to the Town on the best Condition they can

Then the Town by Vote adj<sup>d</sup> said meeting unto Monday the Thirtieth day of Nov<sup>r</sup>. Next at one o'clock Post Noon to be held at the above mentioned meeting house

Attest Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Clk

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1786

1342

Annual
March
Meeting
Held the 13th

Pastor
17th of

2nd

Ripley

6th 1786

3rd

Shaw

17th 1786

4th

Johnson

ap^{pt} 1786

Money

Raised

10:00

2nd

17:10:0

Received

Sold for

7:10:0

fish

about

100

and

the

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 13th day of Nov^r 1786 Continued by adj^{nt} & being met the moderator took his place and proceeded to Reading as follows
Voted to allow and pay out of the Town Tax into Nath^l Wilder his account for transporting Thomas Higgins & Daniel Wilder to Rochester according to Law
by Voted Remitted unto Joseph Ripley Collector a Sum in his bills set to Joseph Bonnet for 2137 as also another set to James South for 1010 & also one set unto Thomas Looman 2790
Voted to allow Capt William Shaw his account for seven days selling the Town Tax accounts five years Past at 3/4th of 100
Voted to allow and pay to John Garrison for the money that the Town owes him which was Remitted to of Taxes in his bills when he was Collected
Then the Town by Vote adj^d said meeting one fortnight from this day to be held at the above mentioned meeting house in said Town

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 13th day of Nov^r 1786 Continued by adj^{nt} & being met the moderator took his place and proceeded to Reading as follows
Voted to Raise the Sum of one hundred pound on the Back and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to defray the Holyday Charges arising in said Town
and to be ap^{pt}ed and paid in to the Treas^r of said Town

Then the Town by Vote adj^d said meeting to the dwelling house at Thomas Sprout for the sale of alewives & being met according to adj^{nt} out the moderator took his place and proceeded to the sale of said fish and Capt Philip Leonard appeared and bid for the above said Privilege the Sum of Eighty Seven Penn^{ts} and the Privilege was declared to be said Leonard's and Capt Zadock Leonard and Mr Benj^m Leonard appeared as Jurors for said Philip to the acceptance of the Town

Then said meeting was dissolved
Thomas Nelson Nath^l Wilder
Capt William Shaw
a Sum unto to a bill
the Town Tax in Collecting
in the Town Tax

Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Clk

1786

1343

the Rate
Bill to
be Committ

Annual March meeting for 1786 Concluded by
adj^d unto thirty day of Nov^r 1786 and Being met by
said adj^d the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to
to Business as followeth viz
at said meeting Voted that the Rate Bill lately ap^d
be Committed as sure as may be that the Select men
be directed as a Committee to Dispose of said Bill for the
Town in the best manner they can
agreeable to a former Vote of said Town that is to w^{it}h
the Publick money Collected the Present year

Washburn
3:10

Voted to Permit unto Abial Washburn Collector in 1784
Tax set in his bill to Sam^l Holmes 12/ one set to one Warren
12/9 & 13/4 set to Daniel Juckett

Overseer
Directed

The Overseer Directed to give an order on the Town S^r
to William Ridden for his trouble of digging two Graves
one for Jo Bennett the other for Jeremiah Cobb
the above meeting stands adj^d to three weeks from
this day to meet at the above mentioned Time and Place
Attest Wilder Town Cl^k

Justices
Chosen
for County
Court

The 27th day of Nov^r 1786 m^r John Hayford and
m^r Leonard Hamson were appointed by drawing out
of the Box as the Law Directs to serve on the Jury of
Hoyals of the Next Court of Common Pleas and General
Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth for
in the County a fore said on the second Tuesday of
Dec^r next

1786

1344

Annual
March Meeting
ing adj^d
Dec^r 18
1786

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
house in Middleborough on Monday the 18th day of Dec^r
1786 Continued by adj^d 18th day being met by adj^d
the moderator being absent the Town made choice of
m^r Isaac Towns on moderator for the day
and there being no Business to be done the Town by Vote
adj^d said meeting to Monday the 22nd of January Next
it being five weeks from this day
Attest Nath^l Wilder Town Cl^k

Annual
March Meeting
ing adj^d
Jan^y 22nd 1787

at a town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house
in Middleborough Monday 22nd of Jan^y 1787 Continued by adj^d
the moderator being absent the Town chose Cap Ezra Rogers
moderator for the day
at said meeting chose the Select men a Committee to Receipt of
the bondsmen for those Persons that have lately b^d of the Rate
bills last made at their Discretion
2^{ly} at said meeting Chosen Elisha Wood Constable Present year
3^{ly} Chose John Smith 4th Constable
4^{ly} Chose Lt Robert Lushorn Constable the Present year
5^{ly} Chose Nath^l Foster Jun^r a Collector of Taxes
6^{ly} Chose William Canady Jun^r Constable Present year
7^{ly} Chose Morton E. Chosen Constable 8th
8^{ly} Chose Abial Washburn Collector
9^{ly} Chose Joseph Thornton Constable
10^{ly} Voted that the Constables & Collectors above Chosen be
not Recepted as bondsmen one for another
11^{ly} at said meeting Voted to Permit unto John Smith 4th
Constable in a Tax set in his bill unto Thomas Blackman
the Sum of 10/6
This meeting stands adj^d unto Levi Wood Next Wednesday
at two o'clock after noon
Attest Nath^l Wilder - Cl^k

We the subscribers Being appointed a Committee by the Town of Middleborough to examine the Treasurers accounts and to settle with him & find the State of the Town having met at the House of Capt. Nathl. Wilder Treasurer for said Town on the Twenty third Day of Sept. A.D. 1786 for the aforesaid Purpose and upon Examination we find said Treasurer has Recd of the Town Money since the last Settlement which was in April 2^d 1783 the sum of £1246.13.6 we also find said Treasurer has Paid out the sum of 1238.5.9 we also find a Balance due from the Treasurer in the former Settlement the sum of 11.11.3 So their due from the Town is the Total in the Present Settlement the sum of 9.19.0

So we also find due to the Town from the several Collectors & others the following Sums viz -

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Due from Capt. Wm Shaw | £ 2 16 6 | Abner Wood | £ 10 15 8 |
| Amos Wood | 11 19 1 1/2 | Abiel Washburn | 2 5 4 |
| Daniel Thomas | 2 16 2 1/2 | Abner Wood | 47 2 0 |
| Joseph Leonard | 16 11 6 | Capt. Joshua Gddy | 20 12 0 |
| John Montgomery | 4 19 7 | John Soule | 26 1 7 |
| Capt. David Thomas | 10 19 2 1/2 | Nathl. Foster | 4 3 1 |
| Jepphen Ripley | 0 6 6 | Enos Perce | 16 3 4 |
| Zachariah Paddock | 15 3 9 | Nathan Alden | 35 10 3 |
| Jepe Boyant | 4 5 10 | John Smith | 10 17 3 |
| Benoni Lucas | 0 17 3 1/2 | Abner Pratt | 28 10 9 |
| John Norcutt | 2 14 0 | Col. Wm. Supper | 26 6 9 1/2 |
| Ephraim Norcutt | 1 0 0 | Capt. Zadock Leonard | 5 7 0 1/2 |
| Joseph Pratt | 1 0 0 | Joseph Leonard | 4 3 3 |
| Carried over | 91 0 6 1/2 | Capt. Zadock Leonard & Company | 39 10 10 |
| | | | 277 17 0 |
| | | | 91 8 6 |
| | | | 369 5 6 |

We also find Lodged in the Treasurers office £2622.17.10
 Old Emission Money
 We find due from the Town to sundry Persons to the amount of as near as we can get and knowledge of £365.9.1
 So that the Balance in favour of the Town is 0.16.4

William Shaw
 Rufus Richmond } Committee

at a Town meeting held at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in Middleboro on Monday 22^d of Jan. 1787
 at said meeting Chose Capt. Ezra Harlow moderator
 1st by vote made choice of Mr. Isaac Thompson an agent to answer the Petition sent to the Town of Middleboro to give their Reasons why the Prayers of a Petition sent to the General Court by John Carpenter Edson for liberty to build a dam across the Great River below Sicut falls should not be granted
 2^d Chose a Committee of three men to draw up said Reasons why the above Petition should not be granted
 1st William Tomison Ebenezer Wood and Benj. Darling the Committee

then adj. said meeting to the annual March meeting in 1787 at Ten o'clock in fore noon to be held at the Eastern Precinct meeting house in S. Town
 See p 349
 Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

annual March Meeting
 At a Town meeting held by the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro. at the dwelling house of M. Levi Wood. Feb. 24th of Jan. 1787
 by an adj. and being met the moderator took his Place and Proceeded to Business as follows viz
 1st by vote Excused Mr. Abiel Washburn & Joseph Perinton from serving Constable or Collector next year
 2^d Chose David Thomas Constable next year
 3^d Voted to allow pay the Six bolts of Lygonn Drunk at the Sale of the State bills lately vendued
 the the meeting was dissolved

Nathl. Wilder Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
house in Middleborough on Monday the 5th day of Feb: 1787
Abel meeting Chase Cap: Ezra Harlow made

- 1st Voted to Choose a Committee of Nine Men to Give our
Representative Sum Instructions the Report follows —
the Committee are the following Gentlemen —

Noah Fering Esq: Cap: Joseph Keith on Sam: Purinton
L: on Bully on William Bonnet L: Peter Hoar Cap: Harlow
Cap: James Shaw Cap: Abiel Paine

- 2nd Voted that it was the mind of the Town that the above Committee
take into their Consideration the matter Relating to Recalling
the Inhabitants to the settlement by order of the Governor —
then the Town by Vote adj: adj: adj: to Monday the 12th day
of Instant Feb: at 9 o'clock at Noon a
to be held at the above meeting house in said Town —

Attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting
house in Middleborough on Monday the 5th day of Feb: 1787
Continued by adj: adj: from the 8th day being next according
to the adj: adj: the moderator took his Place & Proceeded to Business
as followeth (viz):

- 1st The Report of the above Committee being Presented the
Town Voted a Vote upon each Article & Excepted the whole
Report Saving the last Article —
2nd The Question being Put whether the Town Excepted that art:
the Towns Premises the Town that he would water & take the
Towns Instructions for him at the General Court the Report
was approved and it Passed in the affirmative —
3rd Voted that Noah Fering Esq: be Directed to take the Instructions
and Carry them to Boston for Mr: Isaac Tomson
4th by Vote Chose Andrew McCully Peter Hoar & Cap: Joseph
Keith a Committee to examine the Towns Accounts & Report
to the Town at the annual meeting in March Next
Town Clerk Directed to sign the Instructions in the Name
& by the order of the Town
then Adj: adj: adj: meeting Attest Nath: Wilder Town Clerk

Over

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Middleborough 348

Beginning
of the
annual
meeting

At a Town Meeting held at the Easterly Precinct
Meeting House in Middleborough on Monday the 5th day
of March 1787 for the Choice of Town Officers. and other business
Inserted in the warrant (viz):

Moderator
Clock

Noah Fering Esq: was Chosen Moderator
Jacob Bonnet Jr: Town Clerk

Select
Men

Mr: Isaac Soul
Mr: Noah Clark
L: Peter Hoar
Cap: Ezra Harlow
Esq: Joshua White

Select

Supers
Treasurer

Voted to Choose overseers of the poor by Nomination
The Vote was reconsidered
Voted that the Select Men shall be the overseers of the poor
Cap: Nath: Wilder was Chosen Town Treasurer

Wardens

Mr: William Torrey
Cap: Josiah Carver
L: Andrew M: Cully
Mr: Job Alden
L: Elisha Clark
L: John Smith

Wardens

Surveyors

Enoch Thomas, Sam: Rider, L: John Soul, Luther Pridding
Cornelius Ellis, Daniel White, Stephen Robinson, Seth Eaton
Benjamin Leonard, Hiram Nelson, James Perkins Jr: John
Allen, L: John Townsend, Nathan Furling, Sam: Maunier,
Seth Thomas, Nath: Southworth, L: Thomas Sprout, Abner
Burrows, John Finkham Jr: Charles Ellis, Caleb Wood,
Stephen Gibbs, William Shaw Jr: Rufus Howland and
Peter Wood. were Chosen Surveyors of High-ways

Town
Stores

Voted to adjourn the Meeting for 15 minutes. when the adjourn-
ment was out the moderator took his place & proceeded to Business

Committee

Voted that the Select Men shall take the Care of the Town Stores
Voted to Choose 3 men as a Committee to set bounds to the
Brook
Chose Mr: Zechariah Weston, Mr: Sam: Purinton, and Col:
John Nelson for the said Committee —

Committee

Voted to give liberty to take the shewers at sawmills brook
as usual (viz) on Monday and Tuesday of each week

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Annual Meeting
March 15
Committee
Mr. Lechuriah Weston, Mr. Sam^r Harrington and Col^l John Nelson, were chose as a Committee to set bounds to the old Stone wall —
Voted that the above said Committee shall publish the said bounds of the said wall by posting up a notification in some public place and likewise send a copy of the same to the Town Clerk —
Voted the same Committee shall request the owners of the New-work to repair the passage for herrings at the said works
Voted that this Committee shall be under oath —
Committee
Voted to Chuse 3 as a Committee to inspect Namasket River & report there that break the law in that respect
Chose Mr. Lechuriah Weston, Mr. Sam^r Harrington and Mr. Benjamin Leonard for the said Committee
Voted to Chuse 2 in addition to the said Committee
Chose Mr. Jesse Bryant and Mr. Paul Pratt for the said addition
Then voted the said Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above said place —
page 351 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

Adjournment of a meeting concerning Mills on Namasket River
At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in Middleborough on Monday the 22^d day of January 1787 and continued by adjournment to the 5th day of March being the moderator took his place & proceeded to business (viz.)
Voted not to allow any Mills to be built on Namasket River near L^t John Muddock's —
Voted this affair concerning the said mills shall not be called in a Town Meeting of a smaller number of voters than there is at present (viz.) 81 —
Then said meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in April next at 3 o'clock in the afternoon —
Look back to p 346 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

1787 Relative to Mills on Namasket River Apr^l 2^d

April 2^d At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in said Town on Monday the 2^d day of April 1787 continued by adjournments from the 22^d of Jan^y 1787 being according to adjournment the moderator took his place and adjourned said meeting to the Annual May meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the above said place
attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk
See 351

1787 Middleboro^u 13501

The Governor Meeting for 1787

April 2^d At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the first Monday of April 1787 according to the Constitution where the following votes were given in for the following Persons (viz.)

Governor
The Hon^{ble} John Hancock of Boston Esq^r had 278 votes
His Excellency James Bowdoin of Boston Esq^r had 14
Nathaniel Gorham of Charleston Esq^r had 11
Rev^d Isaac Beckus of Middleboro^u had 1

L^t Governor
His Honor Thomas Cushing of Boston Esq^r had 25
James Warren of Milton Esq^r had 131
Nathaniel Gorham of Charleston Esq^r had 22
Benj^r Lincoln of Wingham Esq^r had 2
Rufus King of Newbury Port Esq^r had 1
Rev^d Asa Hunt of Middleboro^u had 1

Senators
Noah Fearing of Middleboro^u Esq^r had 149
Nathan Mitchel of Bridgewater Esq^r had 198
L^t Abraham Holmes of Rochester had 105
Joshua White of Middleboro^u Esq^r had 46
Nathan Cushing of Scituate Esq^r had 10
Charles Turner of Scituate Esq^r had 12
Hugh Orr of Bridgewater Esq^r had 2
Elisha Mitchel of Bridgewater Esq^r had 2
Mr Isaac Tompson of Middleboro^u had 11
Cap^t Nath^l Wilder of Middleborough had 1
Joshua Thomas of Plymouth Esq^r had 9
Samuel Brown of Wingham Esq^r had 1
Barnabas Howard of Bridgewater Esq^r had 1
William Drew of Wingham Esq^r had 1

and then said Meeting was dissolved
attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

1787 A Committee to give the Representative Instruction Apr^l 2^d

April 2^d At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^u at the Easterly Precinct meeting house in said Town on Monday the 2^d day of April 1787 to Chuse a Committee to give our Representative Instruction & other business referred in the warrant
Voted & made choice of Noah Fearing Esq^r Moderator
Voted to adjourn said meeting to the Annual May Meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the above said place —
attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk
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May 3

Annual March Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the English precinct Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 3^d of May 1787 by adjournment from the 5th of March last for the Choice of Town officers &c being met according to adjournment the moderator took his place and proceeded to business

1 Voted the following persons into office viz

Mr John M. Cully Jr.
Mr. Eliah Moleen
Cap. Joseph Keith
Mr. Joseph Richmond Jr.
Mr. Jonathan Farnley
Mr. Abraham Vaughan

} Tything Men

2 Voted to allow Swine to go at Large the present year yoked and hinged according to Law

3 Mr. Joseph Booth Jr.
Mr. Elkanah Caswell
Mr. Josiah Thomas
Mr. Samuel Richard
Mr. Labadie Frothingham
Mr. Isaac Miller

} Hog Reeves

Voted that the select-men have liberty to do what they think proper relative to purchasing a house for Ephraim Dearborn to dwell in

This paragraph should have been recorded in the between the 5th and 10th of March in this meeting that J. Bennett & Town Clerk

4 Mr. John Elmes } Hoop Reeves
Mr. Ephraim Wood }

Edw. Wood
to 1787
1787-0

John H. H. H.
1787-1788

1787-1788
a washburn

5 Voted to remit to John H. H. H. Collector a Tax in his bill set to Elections Reynolds 33:6:6 in paper money also for Tax set to John Reynolds 74:14:9 in paper money

6 Voted to remit to Stephen Washburn in Mr. Jacob Thomas's bill what Tax was laid on Money he was rated for

7 Then voted to adjourn the above Meet for 3 weeks from this Day at one o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above said place

See 355 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

May 3

Annual May Meeting for 1787

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the English precinct Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 3^d day of May 1787 for the Choice of Representatives

Voted to Choose 4 Men for that purpose and that they shall Tour to the Town for their Wages for attendance at the General Court

Voted and made Choices of Joshua White Esq. Mr. Ebenezer Wood Mr. David Thomas and Nath. Farnley Esq. for the persons to Represent said Town at the General Court for the present year

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

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Perambulation of the Line between Middleborough & Plimpton

Know all men by these Presents that we Ezra Haden Isaac Tinsley and Rufus Richmond Selectmen of the Town of Middleborough and Thomas Gannett Eben. Soule and Nicholas Cobb Selectmen of the Town of Plimpton being met together the 20th day of September A.D. 1786 have by mutual agreement perambulated upon the Line and renewed the bounds between the two aforesaid Townships as followeth

Beginning at the Stake with Stones about it, standing in the former Town Line between the two aforesaid Townships, which is the Corner bound of the Township of Middleborough, and is 90 poles distant from Mr. Ebenezer Sullers house which bound we renewed, and from thence running South 33 and a half degrees Easterly being one mile and 50 poles to the place where the pine tree formerly stood where was a stake and heap of stones, which we renewed, thence running South 31 & 3/4 Degrees Easterly 196 poles to a forked white oak tree formerly marked, with a stone in the crotch of said tree with a heap of stones about it standing on a hill, which bound we renewed, thence South 31 & 3/4 Degrees Easterly one mile and a quarter and eighteen poles to a white oak tree (which we found dead), which hath long been known by the name of the P. Tree, which bound we renewed and marked a small old oak sapling standing about ten feet to the South East of said P. Tree, thence South 31 1/2 Degrees Easterly 180 poles to a white pine tree it being the Corner bound of Nathan Cobb's Land which bound we renewed, thence South 7 1/2 Degrees Easterly one mile and 49 poles to a pitch pine tree marked standing on the North side of McWhittet pond, which bound we renewed by laying of Stones about it, thence the same course over the pond 44 poles to a pitch-pine stump on an hill, and we marked a pitch-pine tree standing about 12 feet to the North Easterly side of said stump

Thence South 7 1/2 Degrees Easterly to the Stake and Stones of the westerly Corner bound of a lot of Land formerly owned by Benjamin Shaw near where Isaac Shaw Lucas now dwelt, which bound we renewed it being one mile wanting nine poles, thence South 7 1/2 Degrees Easterly by said lot 116 poles to the Spruce tree formerly marked which is the South Corner bound of said lot which tree we found dead but we renewed the marks on said tree, thence South 81 3/4 Degrees westerly 132 poles to the mouth of the Spring brook where it falls into Rocky Meadow brook, thence to a small Maple marked and so home to the upland, thence the bounds on the westerly side of the Meadow to Eastern down stream as was settled by the Committee that first settled the same as appears by a writing bearing date May the 15th 1780 untill it comes down to the stump in the lower end of Rocky point at the lower end of the body of Meadow below the Double-12 holes which bound we renewed by putting a stone in the ground and laying of stones about it, thence North 75 Degrees Easterly about 10 poles to South-Meadow River, thence down stream by said River untill it comes to the old going over of said River below where the forge stands near Schall Benford's, where we set a stone in the ground and layed a heap of stones about it, thence South 7 1/2 Degrees Easterly 76 poles to a heap of stones it being the Corner bound of Wareham which we renewed, as witness our hands

Ezra Haden } Selectmen
Isaac Tinsley } Middleborough
Rufus Richmond }

Thomas Gannett } Selectmen
Eben. Soule } Plimpton
Nicholas Cobb }

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May 24

The Annual March Meeting for 1787 from 353

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on Monday 5th Day of March 1787 and Continued by adjournments to Thursday the 28th Day of May 1787 for the Choice of Town Officers &c. being met the Moderator took his place and proceeded to business as follows (viz)

Committee

Voted to suspend the Choice of officers till the next adjournment
Voted to Chuse a Committee to receive all accounts Demands and Remittances of Rates

Recalled

The last vote reconsidered

Cuffee

Voted to Remit to Cuffee Wright his Pole Tax in Capt. Budge and Robert Cushman's Rate Bills, and Voted that his Pole shall not be Tax'd again until he has the Privilege of White Men

Cushman

Voted to Chuse 3 men as a Committee to examine into the Request of this Widow Priscilla Vaughan Relative to her Estate's being over Tax'd

Committee

Chose Mr. Elijah Perry, Mr. Jacob Thomas and Mr. Ebenezer for the above said Committee

on

Voted to Buy a New Book for the Records of the Town

Buy a Book

Voted to allow Nathaniel Allen his fees for Committing Jonathan Sampson

Nathaniel Allen

Israel Sampson and Caleb Randall to Goal for Rates 6/6 each 0-19-6

0-19-6

Voted to allow Capt. Abiel Pierce his fees for Committing Jonathan Sampson

Capt. Pierce

Israel Sampson and Caleb Randall to Goal for Rates 6/6 each total 0-19-6

0-19-6

Voted to Remit to Capt. Abiel Pierce a Tax in his Bill set to Jonathan

Capt. Pierce

Sampson and a Tax set to Israel Sampson and a Tax set to Caleb Randall

0-19-6

total 3-7-2

0-19-6

Voted to Remit to Nathaniel Allen a Tax in his Bill set to Israel Sampson

Nathaniel Allen

and a Tax set to Jonathan Sampson and a Tax set to Caleb Randall - 0-8-0

0-8-0

Voted to allow Capt. Laddock Leonard his accounts

Capt. Leonard

1786 to one Day settling the Valuation Bills full display 0-4-0

0-4-0

to 5 Days settling the Valuation

3-12-0

to 12 Days making the Continental Rate and } 3-8-0

3-12-0

State, Town and County Rates } 3-12-0

3-12-0

Voted to allow Capt. William Shaw his accounts in 1786

Capt. Shaw

to 3 Days in settling the Valuation 0-12-0

0-12-0

Voted to allow the following Report

Report of

the Subscribers Chosen as a Committee to examine the Taxes heretofore

on

Set to the said Benjamin Miller Esq. as Guardian to the Estate

on

of Silvanus Conant of Weymouth a Minor and find there was a mistake

Estate

in taxing said Estate and in consequence thereof there ought to be

deducted out of the several assessments made in the years 1786 & 1787 one

Sixth part thereof or to Weymouth said Sum to Run the said Guardian

as at large our hands

Dated Middleborough May 28th 1787 William Shaw

Isaac Sampson } Committee

Abiel Pierce } Voted to adjourn said Meeting a fortnight from this Day at one

o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above said place

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

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To Chuse a Committee to instruct the Representatives &c

May 24th

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 28th Day of May 1787 Continued by adjournments from the 2nd Day of April last to give Instruction to the Representatives and other business Continued in the Morning the Moderator took his place & proceeded to business as followeth (viz)

The Instruction to the Representatives being Exhibited to the Town the Town by vote accepted the whole of the Instructions article by article then by vote adjourned said Meeting to the next adjournment of the March Meeting at one o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above said place

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

Representatives
Instruction
accepted

Relative to Mills on Narragansett River &c

May 24th

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 28th Day of May 1787 and Continued by adjournments to the 28th Day of May 1787 Relative to Mills on Narragansett River and other business Continued in the afternoon being met the Moderator being absent the Town by vote made Choice of Capt. William Shaw for Moderator by vote adjourned said Meeting for a fortnight from this Day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the above said place

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

Capt. Shaw
Chosen
Moderator

Jury Meeting for the Supreme Court

June 5

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 5th Day of June 1787 for the Choice of Jury Men for the Supreme Judicial Court

Mr. John Miller and Mr. Isaac Soule were Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury, and Mr. Basilai Thomas Mr. Sam^l Durston and Mr. Ichabod Wood Jr. were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on Jury of Tryals at the Next Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Plymouth in and for the County of Plymouth on the 2nd Tuesday of June Instant

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

Relative to Mills on Narragansett River &c

June 7

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 7th Day of June 1787 by adjournments from January 22nd last Relative to Mills on Narragansett River and other business Continued in the morning being met the Moderator took his place and adjourned to the house of Mr. Thos. Sprague being met by adjournment at the above said place the Moderator took his place and dissolved the above said Meeting

attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

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June 7

Annual March Meeting

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Moderator
Chosen

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at the
Easterly General Meeting House in said Town on the 7th Day of June
1787 held by adjournments from the 5th of March last for the Choice
of Town officers and other Business Contained in the above said being
with the Moderator being Absent, the Town by vote made Choice of
Mr. Rufus Richmond a Moderator for the Day

Capt. Pierce

5X19:3

Voted to Remit to Capt. Abiel Pierce the following Taxes in his Rate Bills

or viz, Solomon Bolton — 2:4:6
Israel Holmes — 1:19:7
Schabod Barden — 0:15:6
Isaac Bennett — 0:19:8
5:19:3

Leonard

8:2X3

Voted to Remit to Joseph Leonard 2nd Constable the following Taxes
in his Rate Bills viz,

Jonathan Reed — 0:6:11
Nathanias Sampson — 0:7:5
Jos. Joseph Leonard — 7:7:11
8:2:3

Combes

16X0:10

Voted to Remit to G. Bluntham Combs Constable the following Taxes
in his Rate Bills viz,

Edward Raymond 2 pole Taxes — 2:9:4
Schabod Barden — 0:18:4
Jonathan Sampson — 2:3:11
Solomon Bolton — 3:18:9
Israel Holmes — 2:5:10
Israel Sampson 2 pole Taxes — 1:4:8
Elisha Bolton — 3:0:0
16:0:10

Alden

8X18:8

Voted to Remit to Nathan Alden the following Taxes in his Rate Bills viz

James Perry — 0:12:0
Jeremiah Howland — 0:12:0
Ephraim Sampson — 0:12:0
Isaac Bennett — 0:10:0
Schabod Barden — 2:1:5
James Willis — 0:15:5
Solomon Bolton — 2:12:5
Jeremiah Cobb — 0:15:5
8:18:8

Porter

3X10:0

Voted to Remit to Jonathan Porter a Tax in Capt. Wm Shaw's Rate
Bills £ 3:10:0

Shaw

4X8:8

Voted to Remit to Cap. Wm Shaw the following Taxes in his Rate Bills

Samuel Raymond — £ 1:10:9
John Raymond — 1:6:0
Joshua Wood's Pole Tax — 1:6:0
and a pole Tax of Joshua Wood
by Reason that he was Taxed
twice in one Rate — 0:5:11
4:8:8

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Smith

1X13:10

Voted to Remit to John Smith 2nd Constable the following Taxes in his Rate
Bills viz Elisha Caswell — 0:6:0
a Pole Tax 3d to Cap. Job Pierce — 1:7:10
1:13:10

Capt. Thomas

5X18:1

Voted to Remit to Cap. David Thomas the following Taxes in his Rate
Bills viz

Capt. Joshua Beaton — 3:6:2
John Holmes Jr. — 0:12:7
Isaac Bryant — 1:19:4
5:18:1

Pratt

4X5:8

Voted to allow Abner Pratt his account for removing two families
by warrant from Authority from his House to Wareham £ 4:5:8

Richmond

4X9:0

Voted to allow Rufus Richmond his account as follows viz

1785 to one Day to take a List of Carriages at 3/ — 0:3:0
to one Day to draw off Joseph Haply's Rate — 0:4:0
to half a Day to look into the Circumstances of Wm. Cushman
by the Request of his Neighbours — 0:2:0
to one Day to take Care of Schabod Barden — 0:4:0
to 2 Days to settle with the Town Treasurer — 0:6:0
to 13 1/2 Days settling the Salutation and making Rates — 2:14:0
to 2 Days promisculating the line between Thompson and
Middleborough — 0:8:0
to 2 Days assistance of Lebedee Sprout settling & Salutation — 0:8:0
£ 4:9:0

Bennet

3X15:6

Voted to allow Nehemiah Bennet his account as follows viz

to 1 1/2 Days settling Mr. Haply's Bills — 0:6:0
to 1/2 a Day about the enclosures sent for by the State Treasurer — 0:2:0
to 5 Days settling the Salutation — 1:0:0
1787 to 9 1/2 Days drawing State Bills and making Taxes — 1:18:0
to drawing Copies of the State Bills for the Town Clerk — 0:7:6
to 1/2 a Day to return a List of Carriages — 0:2:0
3:15:6

Harlow

0X4:0

Voted to allow Cap. Ezra Harlow 4/ for his Service for Enquiring
into Susanna Thomas's Estate

Purinton

0X4:0

Voted to allow Samuel Purinton 4/ for his Service for Enquiring
into Susanna Thomas's Estate

Report of the

Committee

on Langham's

Estate

Voted to accept the following Report of the Committee on the Petition
of Mrs. Priscilla Langham praying for an abatement in her Taxes
which was that they be reimbursed to the Widow Priscilla
Langham the Sum of £ 6:15:0 Equit to have Money

Committee

Chosen

Voted to Choose 3 as a Committee to Cast Capt. David Thomas's Bills
Ezra Cobb, Jacob Bennett Jr. and George Leonard for
said Committee

Treasurer

Impowered

Voted to Impower the Town Treasurer to take up John Harlow's security
against the Town and add the principle and Interest together and give
said Harlow a Note for the whole Sum

then Voted adjourn said Meeting to the House of A. Thomas Street
to be held at said Place forthwith

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met according to adjournment at said Sprout's House and the Moderator took his place and proceeded to Business

Carver Voted to Joseph E. Josiah Carver from serving as warden and Briggs Chief and Chief Mr. Emerson Briggs for a warden.

Smith Voted to Joseph E. John Smith from serving as warden and Chief Joseph Leonard 2nd for a warden.

Jesse Voted and made choice of the following Town officers:
 David Thomas 2^d
 Abraham Miller } Fence Viewers
 Stephen Stimes
 Benjamin Reed

Surveyors Voted James Dickson Jr. again for a surveyor of Highways not returned in before the first time therefore refused to serve.

Surveyors of Lumber L^t William Tappan
 Israel Wood } Surveyors of Lumber
 Moses Thomas
 Ebenezer Shind Jr.

Leather Dealer Capt. Ezra Harlow Dealer of Leather

Then adjourned said Meeting for six weeks from this day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town
 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

June 7th Representatives Instruction &c. See 358.

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 7th day of June 1787 by adjournment from the 2^d day of April last being called the Moderator being absent Cap. Ezra Harlow was chosen Moderator for this day and then adjourned to the House of S. Thos. Sprout being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his place and proceeded to Business

Treasurer's Instruction Voted that the Town Treasurer call on all that are in debt to the Town as they stand in the List Exhibited by the Treasurer

Voted that there shall be a sum paid on the pound of all things that are in debt as above, that shall be immediately paid in hard Money the List vote be considered

Treasurer's Instruction Voted that if the Delinquent Constables Collectors and Fishermen (as they stand in the List now Exhibited) don't settle with the Treasurer within three weeks from this day, that the Treasurer shall issue his Executions immediately against such Delinquents

Then adjourned said Meeting for six weeks from this day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town
 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

Fence Viewers Division of Leonard's Line.

we the Subscribers, two of the fence Viewers for the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth, have this day viewed the dividing Line between the Land of Eldonah Leonard and Zebulon Leonard from Middleborough to Taunton, and we find no fence on the Line between them, we therefore assign to the said Eldonah Leonard for his part and proportion, to make the fence on the following Lines, viz, Beginning at the bridge that goes over the ~~the~~ brook below where the old forge stood, at a stake and stones on the Easterly side of said brook near the water's edge, from thence down stream North 17 degrees West 20 Rods to a stake and stones, from thence North 68 degrees East 30 Rods to an Elm Tree, from thence North 47 degrees East 10 Rods to a stake set up in a pond hole

we also assign and set off to the said Zebulon Leonard beginning at the end of the said 10 Rods last mentioned, his part and proportion of fence to make, running North 47 degrees East 33 Rods to a stake and stones and from thence South 58 degrees East 27 Rods to a stake and stones at the highway side, which appears to us to be an equal Division between them

as witness our hands
 attested at Middleborough June 22nd 1787
 William Bennett } Fence Viewers
 Jacob Thomas }

July 19

Annual March Meeting

from 357

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on Thursday the 19th day of July 1787 Continued by adjournments from March the 5th last,

The Moderator being absent the Town by vote made choice of M^r Isaac Soule Moderator for the day, and then proceeded to Business

Box

3X11:0

Voted to allow Ebenezer Coe Constable 3:11:0 for a Mistake in Casting the Townage on his Bill.

"

2

Voted not to permit to Joseph Hedding the whole of his Tax on M^r Suddocks Bill

Hedding

3

Voted to permit to Joseph Hedding the Tax on his pole and his own Estate in M^r Suddocks Bill

X

4

Voted that the Assessors that made a Tax on the Town in 1781 be a Committee to cast over the state Bills for said Tax and rectify all Mistakes in said the Bills for said Tax and report at the next adjournment of this Meeting

Then the Meeting was adjourned to this day fortnight at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town

Tappan

3X12:0

attest
 Voted to Isaac Tappan Esq^r his ar^o for services done for the Town in 1786
 sum total 3:12:0
 N^b this should have been recorded immediately after the 4th Article of the above Meeting
 attest Jacob Bennett Jr. Town Clerk

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July 19

Instruction to the Representatives &c

Meeting
Dissolved

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on July 19th 1787 to give Instruction to the Representatives and other Officers contained in the Warrant Continued by adjournments from the 2^d day of April last the Moderator being Absent the Town by vote made Choice of Mr Bone for a Moderator of the Day and then the Town by vote Dissolved the said Meeting

Attest

Jacob Bennett Jr^r Town ClerkAug^t 2

Annual March Meeting

from 360

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 2^d day of Aug^t 1787 by adjournments from March last the Moderator being absent Capt^t Wm Shaw was Chosen Moderator for the Day, and then the said Meeting was adjourned to the next Town Meeting Day at 1 O'clock in the afternoon at the above said place - Attest

Jacob Bennett Jr^r Town ClerkJuly 27thDivision of the fence between Sam^e Pratt & Lenus Bump

An agreement this Day Between Sam^e Pratt and Lenus Bump viz that the Division Line of Fence Between their Land shall be maintained by them according to Law as followeth viz said Pratt agreeeth to support it from the River to the Spring at the End of the Ditch, and said Bump from said Spring to the Road which Leads to Titicut In witness whereunto we set our hands this 27th Day of July 1787. at Middleborough

Philip Leonard

Andrew Leach

Samuel Pratt

Lenus Bump

Oct^r 22Jury Men for Oct^r Court

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly Precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 22^d day of October 1787, Mr James Soule 3^d and Mr John Sampson were appointed by drawing out of the Box as the Law directs to serve on the Jury of Tryals at the next Court of Common Pleas & General Sessions of the Peace to be holden at Plymouth in & for the County of Plymouth on the next Friday of Instant October

Attest Jacob Bennett Jr^r Town Clerk

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Nov^r 12

Fall Meeting

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town on Monday 12th day of November 1787

- 1 made Choice of Mr Lebedee Sprout Moderator of said Meeting
- 2 Voted to sell the Alewives as usual
- 3 Voted to Petition the Great and General Court for Liberty to farm out the old Stone Herring Ware
- 4 Voted to Chuse a Committee to draw a petition to send to the General Court for Liberty to farm out the Stone ware
- Chose Capt^t William Shaw } a Committee for the above purpose
Nichemich Bennett }
Lebedee Sprout }

Raised
£ 300

- 5 Voted to Raise the Sum of Thres. Hundred pounds for Defraying the Necessary Charges arising within the Town
- 6 Voted ~~to~~ to dismise the affair of Building a Work-House for the use of the Town
- 7 Voted to dismise the fifth Article in the warrant
- 8 Voted to dismise the sixth article in the warrant
- 9 Voted that each Individual ^{may} Oblige the Constable or Collector to take Town Credit for his own Town Tax
- 10 Voted to Call on the Committee Relating to the Iron car in Appearanceset pond
- 11 Voted Chuse a Vendue Master to Vendue the Alewives and Choice of Capt^t Jacob Thomas for the Vendue Master then the Meeting was adjourned to the house of L^t Robert Cushman to be held at Six o'clock this day

Alewives
sold for
£ 95: 10: 0

being met according to adjournment the Moderator took his place and proceed to vendue the Herring, and L^t Robert Cushman appeared and bid for the ~~the~~ provitoy of the Alewives at the Slating Mill Ninety five pounds and Ten Shillings and the provitoy was declared to belong to the said Cushman and Capt^t Lodoock Leonard, Capt^t Phillip Leonard, & Benjamin Leonard and Mr Henry Leonard Jr^r appeared as Sureties for said Cushman to acceptance of the Town

and then the said Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 20th of Nov^r Instant at 3 O'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town

Attest Jacob Bennett Jr^r Town Clerk

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Nov^r 12th

Annual March Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^h held at the Easterly precinct Meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the 12th of Nov^r 1787 by adjournment from the 5th of March last the Moderator being absent Mr. Lebedee Sprout was chosen for Moderator for the Day and then the Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 20th of Nov^r Instant at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the Easterly precinct Meeting house in said Town

Attest ~ ~ ~ Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

Nov^r 20th

Annual March Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^h held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the 20th of November 1787 by adjournment from March 5th 1787

The Moderator being absent the Town by vote made choice of Mr. Lebedee Sprout for a Moderator for the Day

not to hire
the money
collected

Voted not to hire their Money Collected for the present year
Voted to Remit Isaac Rider a pole Tax in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Rate Bill

Wood
Rider

Voted to Remit to Isaac Rider a pole Tax in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Rate Bill - 0-12-0

9-1-5
2-4-5

Voted to Remit to Isaac Rider a pole Tax in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Rate Bill - 0-11-10

Voted to Remit to Isaac Rider a pole Tax in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Rate Bill - 0-3-7

Wood

Voted to Remit to Mr. Ebenezer Wood a Tax in his Bill against Jeremiah House of Plymouth - 5-7-8

0-13-4

Voted to Remit to Mr. Ebenezer Wood a Tax in his Bill against Ezekiel Raymond - 11/10

Wood

Voted to Remit to Joshua Reed a pole Tax in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Rate Bill No 5 - 1-5-10

1-5-10

Voted to Remit to Jephtha Ripley Taxes in three Bills against John Bracket - 2-19-3

Ripley

Voted to Remit to Mr. Jephtha Ripley a Tax against John Drake - 2-3-5

6-11-8

Voted to Remit to Gibbon Sharp a Tax in Mr. Jephtha Ripley's 2 Bills - 7-9-0

Smith

Voted to Remit to John Smith a Tax in his Bill against Eastward Job Mucomber - 2-15-8

2-15-8

Voted to adjourn the said Meeting to Monday the 3^d day of December next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Easterly precinct Meeting house in said Town, and that Cap^t Nath^l Wilder be ordered not to issue an Exaction against Cap^t David Thomas until that Day. Attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

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Nov^r 20

Fall Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting house in said Town on Tuesday the 20th of November 1787 by adjournment from the 12th of Nov^r Instant being met the Moderator took his seat and adjourned the Meeting to the 3^d day of December next at one o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town, Attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

November 3^d

Fall Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town by adjournment from the 12th of Nov^r last, on the third day of Decem^r 1787 the Moderator took his seat and the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the 17th of December Instant at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town Attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

Nov^r 3^d

Annual March Meeting

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting house in said Town on the third day of December 1787 by adjournment from the 3^d day of March last the Moderator being absent Mr. Lebedee Sprout was made choice of for Moderator for the day.

Sprout

Voted to allow Mr. Lebedee Sprout Three Shillings for one day assisting the Assessors in settling the valuation.

Churchill

Voted to Remit to Perez Churchill Jun^r in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Bill the sum of 1-4-0

Wood

Voted to Remit to Silas Wood in Mr. Ebenezer Wood's Bill the sum of 1-5-7

Leonard

Voted and made choice of Mr. George Leonard and Mr. Ebenezer Cobb and Jacob Bennett Jun^r as a Committee to rectify a Mistake (if any there be) in Mr. Silas Peterson's Bill relative to Mr. John Miller's being wrongfully taxed

Cox

Voted to Remit to Mr. Ebenezer Cox Isaac Willington's Tax in two Bills the sum of 1-12-7

Cox

Voted to Remit to Mr. Ebenezer Cox Perez Cushman's Tax in his Bill Seventeen Shillings

Committee

Voted to Choose 3 Men for a Committee to hear the Requests and settle the affairs of all those persons in Mr. Silas Peterson's Bill that say they have paid said taxes all or a part of their Taxes and still their Taxes stand fair against them and can find no Credit for what they have paid

Thomas

Voted that Cap^t David Thomas shall not be called upon for Nathan Benson's Tax in his Bills within one year from this date then the Meeting was adj^d to the next Spring house to be held immediately

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the Town Met at the House of Lt Thomas Sprout according to adjournment the Moderator took his place and proceeded saying

Peirce Voted to Permit to Capt Abel Peirce one half of Jedidiah Bennett's Tax in his Bill 8/4 Tax in his Bill 1-9-0

Padock Voted that Mr Lechurish Padock Shall draw out of the Town Treas the sum of 17/ in his Bill against Sillm Norcut and said Bill to stand good against said Norcut for the Benefit of the Town

Alden Voted to Permit to Mr Nathan Alden Consume the following Taxes
 Jedidiah Bennett £ 2-4-5
 Edward Raymond in 4 Bills £ 3-8-3
 Ardia Peirce in 4 Bills £ 2-4-5
 Levi Pearce in 4 Bills £ 3-7-8
 11-4-7

Hour Voted to allow the following accounts (viz)
 Dec^r 20 Ad 1787
 The Town of Middleborough £8 to me for Building a house for the Reception of the Town's poor £ 3-18-0
 Dec^r 3^d Ad 1787
 to building the Chimneys £ 0-12-0 Peter Spear

Purinton Voted to allow the following account viz
 Jan^y 1785 Town of Middleborough to Sam^l Purinton & Co
 to going to Plymouth to Bail Silvanus Peterson 2 days at 2/ per day 0-4-0
 to my horse 15 miles at 12 0-2-6
 to Expenses 0-4-6
 to collecting Taxes in Peterson's Bills 3 days 0-12-0
 April, to going to Kingston and Plymouth to settle Peterson's vacution with the high Sheriff one day 0-6-4
 at 2/ horse hire 3/ Expenses 1/4 £ 1-9-4

Committee Report Voted to accept of the following report viz
 The Subscribers being a Committee appointed to examine Capt David Thomas's Rate Bill find that the said Bill falls short 9-7-8 of what he was ordered to pay in as witness our hands
 Eben^e Cobb } Committee
 Jacob Bennett Jun^r }

Wood Voted to pay of the Town Treasury into Eben^e Wood fifty three pounds twelve shillings and one penny being the Balance due from the Town to him for taking Mr Peterson out of Goal

53-12-1 then the Meeting was adjourned to the 14th day of Dec^r Instant at 4 o'clock to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town
 attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

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for Choice of Delegates for State Convention

at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town on the 17th day of December 1787 for the Choice of Delegates to Represent the Town at a Convention at Boston on the second Wednesday of January next relative to the Federal Constitution a Vote was called to see if the Town would accept of the new Constitution voted in the negative

Voted to Choose four Men for the State Convention
 Chose the Res^d Mr Isaac Backus, Dr Benjamin Thomas Isaac Tomlinson Esq^r and Mr Isaac Saul for the above said Delegates
 attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk
 and thus this Meeting was dispensed

Dec^r 17th Fall Meeting

a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town on the 17th day of Dec^r 1787 the Moderator took his place and the Meeting by vote was adjourned to the Last Monday of January next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town
 attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

Dec^r 17 Annual March Meeting

a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held by adjournment from the 5th of March last on the 17th day of Dec^r 1787 at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town the Moderator being absent Mr Jedidiah Sprout was chosen Moderator for the Day and then the Meeting by vote was adjourned to the Last Monday in Jan^y Next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town
 attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

Jan 20 1788 Fall Meeting

a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in S^d Town on Monday the 28th day of January 1788 by adjournment from Nov^r last the Moderator took his place & proceeded to business as follows (viz)
 Voted to ~~accept~~ accept of the Road laid out by the Selectmen agreeably to the following descriptions
 running from Dartmouth Road near Mr Urich Samson's across the Fauntun path or Whodiffland Road thence from Plymouth to Freetown

See the Description in the next page

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New
Road

Beginning by said Dartmouth Head on the Land of
Elijah Smith fifteen feet from M^r Uriah Jumper
Land from thence running North 36½ Degrees West
122 Rods, thence North 67½ Degrees East 20 Rods
thence North 11 Degrees East 10 Rods, thence North 35
Degrees East 25 Rods, thence North 71 Degrees East 21 Rods
thence North 58 Degrees East 27 Rods, thence North 11½
Degrees West 65 Rods, thence North 45 Degrees West
23 Rods, thence North 53½ Degrees West 59 Rods
thence South 70 Degrees West 19 Rods, thence South
56 Degrees West 41 Rods, thence North 36 Degrees West
208 Rods, and Ends fifteen feet Southwesterly from
a Black Oak Tree standing by the Corner of the widow Pardon
Land, said Road to be thirty feet wide and to extend fifteen
feet back way from the above described Line

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the next Town Meeting
Day at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to be held at the East
precinct Meeting house in 3^d Town

attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

Jan 28

Annual March Meeting

A Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro^r
held at the Easterly precinct Meeting House in said Town
on Monday the 28th of January 1788 by adjournment from
March Last the Moderator being absent M^r Zebedee Sprout
was Chosen for the day

Harlow

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Voted that Cap^t Ezra Harlow draw twenty four
Shillings out of the Town Treasurer for a blanket
which he purchased for the Town

Voted to permit to John Smith Constable the following
Taxes in his bills viz - Samuel Barrows Tax one pound
another to Samuel Barrows pole & personal one pound
five Shillings and six pence, and another to Samuel
Barrows at Tax one pound five Shillings and ten pence
Levi Wood's pole Tax one pound five Shillings and
ten pence

Voted to permit to John Soul Constable the following
Taxes in his bills viz -
William Cushman's Tax one pound fourteen Shillings
and four pence, and Isaac Wellington's Tax Seventeen
Shillings and four pence

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Voted to permit to Jephtha Ripley the following Taxes viz -
Thomas Blackman one pound Eleven Shilling and
seven pence and a Tax to Samuel Barrows Eight
pounds and Nine pence, and a Tax against Ebenezer
Burden for his pole one pound Nine Shillings,
then the meeting was adjourned to A Thomas Sprout
to be held immediately according to adjournment the
Town Meet and the Moderator took his place and proceeded
to business

Voted to permit to Cap^t Samuel Wood a Collector the
following Taxes viz - against Jonathan Pratt one pound
five Shillings and seven pence, and one against Peter
Cushman one pound Nineteen Shillings and Nine pence

Voted to permit to Robert Cushman a Tax in his bill

Voted to permit to William Brown's pole one pound
five Shillings and ten pence

Voted to allow to Samuel provision the following acc^t
for four Days settling the valuation fifteen Shillings
for four Days Inspecting Taunton Great River at five
Shillings a Day twenty Shillings

to two Days bounding Long pond & old Stone Ware six
Shillings, to one Day Inspecting the River four Shilling

to one Day as a Committee on Persons affairs three
Shilling

Voted that M^r Zechariah Weston as Inspector of
Nantuxet River shall have the whole of the fines
that he can get for the breach of Law respecting the
shlewives

Then the Meeting was Dissolved

attest Jacob Bennett Jun^r Town Clerk

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annually
March 1780
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At a Town meeting held at the Easterly Precinct meeting house
in middleborough on Monday 10th day of March 1780
for the choice of Town officers and other business
in the warrant by the Inhabitants of said Town being legally
warned & Regularly assembled Proceeded as follows to wit

1st Isaac Tomson Esq was chosen moderator for said meeting

2^d Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

3^d Voted to chuse five selectmen
to try to do the business of Overseers
of the Poor

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| Isaac Tomson Esq | } Select Men |
| Mr Thomas Nelson | |
| Cap Abner Bourn | |
| Eng Rufus Richmond | |
| Mr Nehemiah Bennet | } |
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5th Nathl Wilder } Town Treasurer

6th Voted that Isaac Tomson Esq Mr Thomas Nelson
Cap Abner Bourn Eng Rufus Richmond &
Mr Nehemiah Bennet be the Town Assessors
the Present year

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| 1 st Silvanus Warren | } Wardens |
| Mr Eben Thomas | |
| Mr James Peckens jun | |
| Mr Joshua Shaw | |
| Mr Eben L Shaw | |
| Cap Amos Washburn | } |
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Surgeon Joseph Lovel: John Benson: John Cabot: Jesse Sirkham:
Enoch Thomas: Joseph Hathaway: Samuel Dunbar:
High way Eng Nathan White: Henry Leonard: Elijah Smith:
8th Cap Henry Pierce: William Moulton: Rufus Richmond:
Cap Joshua Eddy: Jonathan Phoenix: Joseph Thomas:
Nathl Wmason: John King: Eben Wood: Daniel Smith:
26 in Job Thorman: Asa Benson: Mark Shaw: Jacob Thorman:
No Jame Thomas: Roger Clark: Surgeon of high ways

9th Mr Thomas Foster Capt Jacob Thorman & Capt Philip
Leonard

Committee to inspect the school house to see that
there is no obstruction to the scholars as they go up & st
fence to East their sprang

Mr Eben Wood Simon Daggett Lt William Tomson
a Committee to inspect the school house
to see that the law is not broken respecting
serving scholars contrary to Law

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| Nathl Shaw | } Sythington |
| Rufus Weston | |
| Isaac Sirkham | |
| Hugh Montgomery | |
| Seaton Briggs | |
| Jacob Miller | } |
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12th Lt Josiah Clark Dealer of leather

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| Cap Jacob Tomson | } Some citizens |
| Reuben Leman | |
| Samuel White | |
| John Smith | |
| Capt Joseph Keith | |
| Cap James Shaw | } See next page |
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Surgeon
14
Lambert

1st William Tomson Israel Wood & Peter Moor
James Perkins Junr. for Thomas

Surgeon of Lamberton

Hagg River
15

George Hackel Nathl & Tomson Jeddish Bennett
John Cambridge Macher Thomas Baty & Levi Moore

Hagg River

George River
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George Richmond & Robert Green
Hagg River

17th

at
taken at
Hagg River

Voted Liberty to take the aldermen at Hagg River Brook
two days in a week viz Monday & Tuesday to be
taken at the mouth of the Long Pond in Hagg River
Brook as was established by a Committee the last
year chosen for that purpose

18th

Swine
acquired &
Kinged

Then by vote made choice of an Ebenezer Briggs
& Eben Briggs as inspectors of Hagg River

19th

murder

Voted that the wine have Liberty to Run at Large
Being yoked & Kinged

20th

Vaughan

Remitted unto Saml. Maxham a Tax in m^r Peterfon Bill
Now Committed to Eben Wood to Collect the Sum
of £2:15:12

Remitted unto Joseph Vaughan £3:10:0 in the
Rate Bills that Eben Wood has to Collect that
was Committed to m^r Peterfon

Then the Town by vote adj^d said meeting
into the first Monday in April 1788
at Ten o'clock forenoon to be held at the
Pastorly Precinct meeting house in said
Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

Very Men
Thoreau
April Court
1788

at Town meeting held by adjournment from the meeting
in the County Precinct on Monday 9th day
of March at the meeting house of Thomas Smith
for the choice of Very men & Jurors to be sworn in
for at said meeting Chosen m^r Thomas Nelson & Capt.
William Shaw to serve on the Grand Jury & m^r
Abiel Washburn & Isaac Miller were appointed
by drawing out of the box & served on the jury of
Tryals in the Last Term at the Last Court of Common
Pleas to and General Sessions at the Bar to be holden
at Plymouth in the County of Plymouth on the
second Tuesday of April next

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

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at a Town meeting held at the Pastorly Precinct
meeting house on Monday 11th day of the
Month of April 1788 continued by adjournment
from the Town meeting of the 9th day of April
in the morning at about 10 o'clock & the Town then an
drew for choice of Very men & Jurors for the day

Then the Town by vote adj^d meeting to the first meeting
in April at one o'clock Past Noon to be held
at the Pastorly Precinct meeting house in said Town

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

At a Town meeting held at the Pastorly Precinct meeting house
on Monday 11th day of April 1788 at said meeting & house
of debate Leonard moderator of said meeting

1. Voted to act on the Petition of Joshua White & others Petition to
deline of a part of the Town of Hagg River in to a separate Town
by itself & to join it to a part of Hagg River

meeting on
Petition
Joshua
L. Soltau
Fisher
according
to

2. Voted to choose a Committee of five men to view the ground
& prepare the Line & Report to the Town on the adjournment

Joshua White Esq.
L. Abner Freeman
m^r Jacob Bennett
Capt. William Shaw
was the above Committee

Cap Joshua Elddy
The meeting stand adj^d unto the 21st day of April Current
at Two o'clock after Noon to be held at the above
meeting house

Attest Nathl Wilder Town Clerk

a Record of oaths (1)

March 21 1773 Then John Morton personally appeared & took the oath of a Town Clerk of also the oath of a Town-Span-Jury as also the oath of respecting Bills of Credit of the High Court of Court-Masters before Josiah Shutevant Town Justice
Recorded by me John Morton Town Clerk

April 6 Then David King personally appeared & took the oath of a Justice of Peace before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 9 Then Isaac Cushman personally appeared & took the oath of a Committeeman to take care that the fish called alewives have a free passage up & down the Rivers & Brooks in and belonging to Middleborough before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 9 Then Dr. Nathaniel Smith personally appeared and took the oath of a Warden before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 10 Then Enos Reynolds personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 12 Then Barnabas Sampson personally appeared & took the oath of a Hogg Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 12 Then Joshua Eddy personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 17 Then Ebenezer Elmes personally appeared & took the oath of a Horse Reeve as also his son Bardin personally appeared & took the oath of a Hogg Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 17 Then Abner Wood personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 17 Then Elijah Thomas personally appeared & took the oath of a Warden before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 25 Then Sylvanus Cobb personally appeared & took the oath of a Justice of Peace before me John Morton Town Clerk

April 30 Then Isaac Howland personally appeared & took the oath of a Warden as also the oath of a Deer Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

May 24 Then John Dickens personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

August 25 Then Caleb Sumner personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

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June 1 Then Mr. Nathaniel Foster personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 2 Then John Morton personally appeared & took the oath of a Justice of Peace before Ephraim Keith Town Justice
Recorded by me John Morton Town Clerk

June 5 Then John Morton personally appeared & took the oath of a Town Treasurer before Peter Oliver Town Justice
Recorded by me John Morton Town Clerk

June 5 Then John Elmes personally appeared & took the oath of a Horse Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 5 Then Moses Thomas personally appeared & took the oath of a Constable before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 5 Then Barnabas Sampson personally appeared & took the oath of a Hogg Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 5 Then Amos Bryant personally appeared & took the oath of a Hogg Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 7 Then Nathan Irons personally appeared & took the oath of a Hogg Reeve before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 8 Then Job Howland personally appeared & took the oath of a Committeeman to take care that the fish called alewives have a free passage up and down said Rivers and Brooks before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 9 Then John Pierce personally appeared & took the oath of a Constable before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 16 Then John Richmond personally appeared & took the oath of a Warden before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 18 Then Nathan Eddy personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

May 3 Then Joseph Booth personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk

June 23 Then J. Parsons hereafter named personally appeared & took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways to their respective (vi) John Douglas & Sylvanus Thomas Surveyors of high ways
Daniel Howland Warden

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Then Nathl. Barrow personally appeared and took the
oath of a Warden before me John Morton Town Clerk
May 26th 1774

These may certify that Shubael Tinkham this day
took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways for the Town
of Middleborough for the present year as the Law directs
before me Josiah Sturtevant Justice of Peace
May 26th 1774

the above and foregoing was Recorded by me
John Morton Town Clerk

Then Jeremiah Thomas personally appeared & took
the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk
July 30th

Then Isaac Wood personally appeared & took
the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk
Sept 17th

Then Mr. John Montgomery Jr. personally
appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways
before me John Morton Town Clerk
Sept 25th

Then Benjamin Smith personally appeared & took
the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me John Morton Town Clerk
Oct 25th

Then Engr Nathaniel Smith Jr. personally appeared
and took the oath of an assessor before me John Morton Town Clerk
Oct 28th

Then Abner Barrow personally appeared before the Select
men and took the oath of a Town Clerk
March 13th 1775

Then William Bennett personally appeared and
took the oath of Town Treasurer before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 17th

Then Mr. Josiah Smith personally appeared before me and
took the oath of a Constable and also Mr. William Tupper appeared before me and
took the oath of Warden for the present year
for to inspect the fishery for the present year
before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 20th

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Then Job Chase personally appeared before me
and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways
before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 20th 1775

Then Silvanus Eaton personally appeared
before me & took the oath of a Surveyor of high
ways before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 31st

Then Nathl. Tompson personally appeared and took
the oath of a Sitching man before me
Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 31st

Then Thomas Thomas personally appeared and took
the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me
Abner Barrow Town Clerk
April 11th

Then Abner Nelson personally appeared
and took the oath of a Constable before me
Abner Barrow Town Clerk
May 12th

Then Ebenezer Pratt personally appeared and took
the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
May 13th

Then Capt Nathaniel Smith Jr. personally appeared
and took the oath of an assessor before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
May 13th 1775

Then Joseph Booth personally appeared and took
the oath of a Constable before Mr. Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
May 22nd 1776

Then Joseph Eaton personally appeared and took
the oath of a Constable before me Mr. Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
June 30th 1776

Then Abner Barrow personally appeared before Ebenezer Sprout
and took the oath of a Town Clerk
Recorded by me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 11th 1776

Then Nathan Eddy personally appeared and took the oath of a Warden
before Ebenezer Sprout Esq. Recorded by me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 11th

Then John Barrow personally appeared and took the oath
of a Constable before me Abner Barrow Town Clerk
March 12th 1776

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Remo^d March 13 1776
Then Jonah Washburn Took the oath of a Constable and also Joseph Shaw took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways and also Job Rinsol Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Ebene Sprout Justice of the Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d March 22 1776
Then Job Chase Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Ebene Sprout Justice of the Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d March 29 1776
Then Peter Finkham Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d March 30 1776
Then David Hayfords Personally appeared and took the oath of a Warden before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 3 1776
Then John Miller Jr Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 13 1776
Then Abner Babin Personally appeared and took the oath of a Commit-tee man or inspector of the fishery in Nemashit River the present year before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 22 1776
Then Nathl. Wilder Personally appeared and took the oath a Committee man or Inspector of the fishery in Nemashit River the present year before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d May 20 1776
Then the Select men of Middleborough Personally appeared and took the oath Relative to the Molesting the people of Middleborough before me Ebene Sprout Justice of the Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d June 2 1776
Then Ephraim Campbell Personally appeared and took the oath of a fence View before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d June 24 1776
Then Lt William Ingerson Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways and also the oath of a Surveyor of Levees before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d July 29 1776
Then Ebenezer Cobb and John Bennett Personally appeared and took the oath of fence Viewers before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d July 29 1776
Then Herveiah Rurington Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d Aug 14 1776
Then Thomas Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d Sept 17 1776
Then Benjamin Reed Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d Oct 7 1776
Then Benjamin Darling Personally appeared and took the oath of a Warden before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d Oct 27 1776
Then M^r William Harlow Personally appeared and took the oath of a Japor before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 8 1777
Then Robert Stowbridge Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 10 1777
Then John Soley Jr Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d April 14 1777
Then Ezra Clark Jr Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d May 12 1777
Then William Soule Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d May 19 1777
Then George Shaw Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d May 19 1777
Then Samuel Rider Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d May 29 1777
Then Samuel Barrows Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d June 7 1777
Then Isaac to certify that John Sprout has appeared before me and took the oath of a Constable for the ensuing year before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Remo^d June 21 1777
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
Then Capt Isaac Wood Personally appeared and took the oath of a Committee man to prevent Monopoly and oppression & to see that the act of this State Relative there to be put in full force before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

June 30th Then Henry Peirce Personally appeared before me and took the oath as a Committee man to prevent monopoly and oppression
Sept 2nd Then Isaac Miller Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways
Sept 18th Then Lt Andrew McFellay Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways
Oct 21st This Day Nathaniel Wilder Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
1778 Recorded by me - Abner Barrows Town Clerk
Nov 20th Then Samson Shearman Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
1778 Then Lt Joseph Topper Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Justice of the Peace
Dec 17th Then David Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways and also took the oath of a Committee man or Inspector of Nonesuch River to see that the fish called alewives have a free Passage up said River to East these Spawns before me
Dec 25th Then Samuel Rider Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways and also Lt Edmund Weston and William Cushman each of them took the oath of Committee men or Inspectors of Nonesuch River to see that the fish called alewives have a free Passage up said River to East these Spawns and also Joshua Ray mond took the oath of a Warden before me
Jan 13th Then Joseph Balse and Benja Darling each Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me
Feb 5th Then Joseph Lovell and Ezra Clark each Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Constable before me
Mar 11th Then David Vaughan Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me
Mar 26th Then Capt Isaac Wood Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
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Mar 27th Then Nathaniel Wilder Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Justice of the Peace
Apr 5th Then the following Persons Personally appeared and took the oath of Justices (Ward) William Shaw George Leonard Zadock Leonard Lemuel Jackson Samuel Nelson Benjamin Darling William Bennett William Banuet 2nd 3rd Miller Before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
Apr 11th Then John French Personally appeared and took the oath of a Warden before me
Apr 18th Then Conder Howard Personally appeared and took the oath of a Justice before me
May 1st This Certifies that Nathan Darling has taken the oath of a Constable before me
May 11th Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
May 20th Then Silas Warren Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways
May 25th Then John Benson Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
June 1st Then Nathl Foster Junior and Ensign Noah Ellis Personally appeared before me and took their oaths of Constables before me
June 17th Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
July 29th Then Samuel Eaton Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
Aug 21st Then William Farnon Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable as required by Law before me
Sept 12th Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
Oct 7th Then Samuel Raymond & Jacob Bennett Junior Personally appeared and took the oath of Assessors before me
Nov 1st Then Ebenezer Cobb and Robert Hoar Junior Personally appeared and took the oath of Constables before me
Nov 21st Then Joseph Pratt Jr. Personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me
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Plymouth

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June 14th Then John Pickens Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

June 21st Then Samuel Tucker Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

June 28th Then John Miller and Silas Dinkham Personally appeared and took the oath of Wardens - and also Samuel Munroe John Sampson and John Shaw Personally appeared and took the oath of Surveyors of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

July 5th Then John Townsend Personally appeared and took the oath of a sitting man before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

August 1st Then William Bennett Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

August 30th Then Josiah Harlow Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

March 11th 1778 Then Samuel Tucker Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me and also Capt Joshua Eddy and Abner Nelson each Personally appeared took the oath of Constables before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

March 18th Then Benjamin Smith Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

March 20th Then Georg Leonard Personally appeared and took the oath of an Assessor before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

March 20th Then Nathaniel Wilder Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

March 22nd Then Seth Norton Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

April 3rd Then Josiah Harlow Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me and also Nathaniel Townsend and Ebenezer Thomas personally appeared before me and took the oath of Surveyors of high Ways - Abner Barrows Town Clerk

April 7th Then David Thomas personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me and also Joseph Thomas personally appeared before me and took the oath of Surveyors of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

May 22nd Then Asa Robbins personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk
Then Ebenezer Cobb personally appeared and took the oath of an assessor before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

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Then Joshua White personally appeared and took the oath of an assessor before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then ~~Joshua~~ Tipper personally appeared before me and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Record by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Jabez Thomas personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of high Ways before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Josiah Thomas personally appeared and took the oath of a Logg Keeper before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Zenas Cushman personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Ebenezer Nelson personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Dr Jonathan Fuller personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Record by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Dr John Sampson personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Joseph Cushman personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Abner Barrows personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Benjamin Reed & Hezekiah Partridge personally appeared and took the oath of Collectors before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Silas Dinkham personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Abner Barrows Town Clerk

Then Capt William Shaw personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Recorded by me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace

Then Capt Josiah Corcoran personally appeared and took the oath of a Wardens before me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace
Record by me Ebenezer Sprout Justice of Peace

Then Nathaniel Wilder personally appeared and took the oath of a Town Clerk before me Joshua White Justice of Peace 1781

Then John Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Jesse Vaughan Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of High Ways before me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then John Montgomery Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then David Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Abner Barrows & Jacob Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of Constables of Inspection of Relations to the fish dipping up. Amoskel. River before me also Jacob Thomas & took the oath of fence viewers before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Zebulon Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of High Ways before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Job Peirce Personally appeared and took the affirmation of a Surveyor of Highways as also Capt Jacob Tomlinson and took the oath of a Surveyor as also Joseph Leonard & took the oath of a Constable as also Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Stephen Hathaway appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Mr Silvanus Peterson Personally appeared and took the oath of Collector of Taxes before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk

Then Joseph Ellis Personally appeared and took the oath of Collector of Taxes before me Eben^l Sprout Justice
Then John Samson Personally appeared and took the oath of Collector of Taxes before me Eben^l Sprout Justice
Then Mr Seth Haskill Personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector of Taxes before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Robert Noar Personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector of Taxes before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Micah Boyant Personally appeared and took the oath of a Wardean before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Mr Thomas Supper Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of Highways before me Eben^l Sprout Justice Recorded by me Nath^l Wilder Town Clerk
Then Capt Zedek Leonard & Rufus Richmond & Eliphalet Thomas Noah Clark and Capt William Shaw Personally appeared and took the oath of assessors before me Eben^l Sprout Justice
Then Caleb Wood Personally appeared and took the oath of a Collector of Taxes as also Silvanus Bounel & Surveyor of Highways before me Eben^l Sprout Justice

1782 Vaths Recorded

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Plymouth
June 10th 1782

Then John Smith the youth Personally appeared before me the Subscriber and took the oath of a Constable
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
July 7th 1782

Then Stephen Washburn Personally appeared before me the Subscriber and took the oath of a Constable
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
July 10th 1782

Then Joseph Buonpas Personally appeared and took the oath of Constable before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
Sep^r 2nd 1782

Then Vea^r Amos Nelson Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable for the year 1782 before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
Sep^r 16th 1782

Then Consider Howland Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable for the year 1782 before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

October 3rd 1782

Then Elkanah Bennett Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of Highways before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r

10th of October 1782

Then Joseph Jackson Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of Highways before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

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Plymouth
March 4th 1783

Then Mr. Eleazer Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of Warden for the year 1783 before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
April 4th 1783

Then Mr. Jose Bryant Personally appeared and took the oath of Warden before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
May 3rd 1783

Then John Toudy & Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
May 19th 1783

Then Noah Cushman & Job Thomas Personally appeared and took the oath of Town Warden before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
June 2nd 1783

Then Capt Josiah Carver and Isaac Garrison Capt Ladd & Leonard & Noah Clark & Rufus Richmond Personally appeared and took the oath of a Justice before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
June 23rd 1783

Then John Lebaron Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of Highways before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
July 11th 1783

Then Elijah Perry Personally appeared and took the oath of a Surveyor of Highways before me
Eben^r Sprout Justice ad p^r
P^r Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
July 28th 1783

Then Eben^r Cose personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable for before me
Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

Plymouth
August 17th 1783

Then Stephen Clark Personally appeared and took the oath of a Constable before me
Nath^r Wilder Town Clerk

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